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Angelica Blenich Echo staff

Alexandra, left, gives schoolmate Gracyn a hand during the three-legged race at the annual Wilberforce Elementary School fun day, held on June 25. For more photos turn to page 16.

## County to vote on Enduro bike Rail Trail access

**Chad Ingram**

Staff reporter

Enduro bike riders may have a chance to get on the Haliburton County Rail Trail yet.

At a June 23 council meeting, councillors chose to ignore a recommendation from the economic development committee earlier this month that Enduro bikes be banned from the Rail Trail once and for all and instead decided to hold a special meeting of council on July 7 where coun-

cil intends to hear from the public, discuss the issue and make a final ruling.

While snowmobiles have sole use of the 33-kilometre corridor during the winter months and while ATVs are permitted on the trail from June through October, the county has continued to keep motorized bikes off the trail.

County resident and president of the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders, Ken Hoeverman, has approached the county numerous times during the last several

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## Earthquake rattles Haliburton residents

**Angelica Blenich**

Staff reporter

Lake, Que., located 60 kilometres north of Ottawa and measured a magnitude of 5.0.

The effects of the earthquake were felt in Ottawa, Toronto and throughout south-central Ontario. According to reports, no injuries or damage were sustained as a result of the quake.

Business owners and residents alike in Haliburton felt the quake,

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Officers determined that the driver of a vehicle stopped in the RIDE program had been consuming alcohol.

A 49-year-old man of Haliburton has been charged with impaired driving, drive over 80, possession of cannabis marijuana and breach of probation.

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# Earthquake likened to passing truck

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but were slow to call it a natural disaster.

"I was leaning against my hotdog cart and thought maybe I had bad nerves," said Steve Dunec of Leftovers. "I stood back up and saw that my cart was shaking. That's when I realized it wasn't me."

Next door to Dunec the staff at the Bank of Montreal were also discussing the quake in its aftermath.

"Oh, we felt it," said Cassandra Comeau, a teller. "The wall was shaking and the lights were swinging. People were definitely concerned. My first thought was there was a bad blast at the quarry."

Across the street at Dovetail Interiors, Lindsey Snelgrove felt the vibration but was unsure if she was sure it was an earthquake. Lindsey texted her mom Wendy, the owner of the store, who was out at the time.

"I told her I think I felt an earthquake," said Lindsey.

"I didn't feel anything myself so when I got the text I thought 'oh boy the store must be really busy,'" said Wendy.

Nothing in the store was damaged, much to Wendy's delight. Up the road at Haliburton Furniture the merchandise was also intact but the quake managed to leave its mark. "My coffee spilled," laughed owner George Starr.

Graham Baker, who was on the road at the time of the earthquake said he didn't know about it until he got a phone call. "My wife called me and said, 'did you feel that?'" said Baker. "It takes an earthquake for my wife to call me."

Over at the Dysart post office Penny Pearsell said both she and those within the building could feel it.

"The counter was moving," said Pearsell. "There was a guy trying to fill out a label but he couldn't write on it because of the shaking."

The earthquake's effects were also noticeable at the LCBO on Highland Street.

"The bottles were shaking a little," said manager Kim Glover. "I was sitting in the lunchroom and you could hear them rattling."

However not everyone felt the earthquake.

Jim Henwood of Henwood's Variety said he didn't feel it at all. "My son called and asked if the store was shaking and I said no," said Henwood.

Employees at Home Hardware also claimed the earthquake went unnoticed.

"I don't know if it's just because the building is so old but it's very strange," said employee Janet Swanton.

Amongst all the buildings in the village, the Rails End Gallery quite possibly withstood more shaking than most.

"The whole building was waving no doubt about it," said gallery curator Laurie Jones. "We were rearranging the glass cases at the time and they were shaking. The whole build-



**Angelica Blenich** Echo staff

Steve Dunec leans against his hot dog cart on Highland Street at approximately 2 p.m. on June 23. Dunec was leaning against his cart when he felt an earthquake rattle the village of Haliburton and himself.

ing was in motion."

Jennifer Wanless-Craig was in Tory Hill at the time and was standing inside her home, a church that has been fully restored. "I was on the phone and saw that the stain glass window was shaking," said Wanless-Craig. "I thought someone was throwing something at the window, or that maybe a large transport truck had driven by. Then I thought maybe the wash machine was stuck on the spin cycle. It was weird, it felt kind of like jello."

Most residents who felt the quake admitted that their first reaction was to believe the shaking was caused by a traveling transport truck. Others thought it might be weather related.

"I was sitting in my car and thought it was really windy," said Vicki Fraser at the Dysart library.

Librarian Sherrill Sherwood said her son was working in

Ottawa at the time and called saying he was unsure of what to do so he stood under a beam.

"Now we don't have a basement here at the library so I said to Sherrill start digging," joked Fraser.

Doris Wheeler was sitting in a chair at her home in Haliburton when she was surprised by the quake.

"It makes you think it can happen to anybody," said Wheeler. "Nature takes care of itself."

Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan said he was at his desk when he felt it and received an automatic emergency alert about it shortly after it was over. According to the government of Canada's emergency preparedness website, procedures regarding what to do in the case of an earthquake advise to take cover immediately. Move a few steps to a nearby safe place if need be and stay there until the shaking stops.

## Duchene misses out on Calder Trophy for rookie of the year

**Here, there & everywhere**

news and events worth noting

Colorado Avalanche forward and Haliburton native Matt Duchene was on hand at the NHL awards in Las Vegas on June 23 to witness Buffalo Sabres defenseman Tyler Myers win the Calder Trophy for rookie of the year.

Duchene was nominated for the award along with Detroit Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard.

Duchene was drafted third overall to the NHL in the 2009 entry draft and made his debut with the Avalanche on Oct. 1. Duchene led all rookie scorers with 24 goals and 55 points. Following the regular season, Duchene made his first playoff appearance as his team took on the San Jose Sharks but were eliminated in the opening round after six

games. Following his rookie season in the NHL, Duchene was added to Team Canada's roster for the 2010 IIHF World Championship in Germany.

### Craden to head fall festival

The Haliburton BIA is pleased to announce that Jere-lyn Craden has been hired as coordinator of the Colourfest 2010, the third annual fall festival in the village of Haliburton.

Craden brings a wealth of experience in event planning and media promotion and will oversee the planning and implementation of this successful annual celebration.

Craden's hiring was made possible through the assistance of the Local Initiatives Program of the Haliburton County Development Corporation. The Haliburton Village BIA application for funding through this program was successful and now with Craden's expertise, this exciting event will continue to grow.

With new branding – Colourfest 2020 ... Come fall in love with fall – and colourful street decorations, scarecrow contest, continuous entertainment, contests and activities for kids and adults, plus the popular vintage car display and more, the Oct. 2 event is sure to be fun and beneficial for the whole community.

### Citizens against Enduro bikes on the Rail Trail to meet

Citizens concerned about the potential for Enduro bikes to be allowed on the Rail Trail are having a special meeting at Fleming College Wednesday, June 30 at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall.

County council will be voting on a recommendation to keep Enduro bikes off the trail at its upcoming meeting in July. Call Pamela Marsales for more information at 457-4767.

# Gary Brohman: forever a Red Hawk

**Martha Perkins**  
Special to the Echo

Tonight, when Gary Brohman searches for the courage it will take to say one last goodbye to the graduating class of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, all he'll have to do is remember the line he's said a million times before - "Once a Hawk, always a Hawk."

Brohman has spent his entire teaching career at Hal High. At the June 29 commencement ceremonies, he'll be retiring not from a job, but from a way of life. Hal High isn't just his school; it's his family.

"It's going to be hard to say goodbye to my second home," he says over the phone last week.

I'm in my office on Bowen Island, where I became editor of the local newspaper last November. A few weeks earlier, as Brohman and I hugged goodbye, I told him that I wanted to be the person who wrote his retirement story. He had arrived in Haliburton as a first-time teacher in 1972; I came as a first-time reporter in 1985 and over the years he had earned my deepest respect and admiration.

I saw him evolve from "Coach Bro" to become a principal whom a female student trusted enough to tell him that she was soon going to announce that she was gay - she knew he'd support her. I saw him figuratively put his arms around the entire school when a student was murdered by her father. I saw him cheer as enthusiastically for a sports team as he did an arts performance. I saw graduating classes, year after year, giving him a spontaneous standing ovation. (And every year, I had to listen to him give the same final advice: "Go to class, go to class, go to class.")



**Darren Lum** Echo staff

**Gary Brohman, who is retiring as principal of Haliburton High School, has said he will always be a Red Hawk.**

It's hard to imagine any corner of Hal High that doesn't bear his signature, from the paintings on the wall to the new triple gym and science wing to the sign outside on the lawn that makes people pause and contemplate his simple words of wisdom. And every student who's been to Hal High will have a Mr. Brohman deposit in their favourite-memory bank.

Brohman, who's now 65, grew up on a farm near Kitchener-Waterloo. "I pay tribute to my mom and dad on that farm," he says. "They taught me my work ethic."

In Grade 8 he was in a one-room country school. In Grade 9 he was one of 2,300 students in his new high school.

"I was pretty scared," he says. But he found his way soon onto the sports field. "Sports was my love."

His earliest mentor was his football and wrestling coach, Mr. Cardillo. "I'd play for him. He was the phys. ed. teacher I knew one day I'd be. He knew how to get the best of you."

Young Gary had hoped to become a professional football player but he didn't have the skill level required; he did exceedingly well on the Waterloo Lutheran University (now Sir Wilfrid Laurier University) football team, later being named to its sports hall of fame.

At university, he hedged his bets, studying both business and phys. ed. as he tried to make up his mind between sales and teaching. Teaching won.

On June 5, 1972, the principal of Hal High, John Rouble, called him and invited him to Haliburton for an interview. "Where's Haliburton?" Brohman asked. Rouble responded, "Young man, I hope you can read a road map. I'll see you Saturday."

"Right then I thought I'd blown it," Brohman laughed, but Rouble did give him his first teaching job. Before he moved to Haliburton, however, he had to marry his wife Dawn.

Haliburton was a different place then. "The sawmill [on Head Lake] was still here, the train was going by, IGA was a house -

it was a one-road-in town. I knew nothing about lakes so I was pretty impressed with Haliburton village itself."

He taught business for one year, then added phys. ed. He taught for 11 years, spending some of them as co-head of the phys. ed. department. Then he was vice-principal, known as one of the hardest jobs in education, for 10 years.

"That's when the rubber hit the road," he says. "If you look at it that a kid needs punishment, you shouldn't be vice-principal. I've learned a lot of my compassion from being VP. It was easy for me to be the macho jock; as VP you learn that punishment doesn't change attitudes. What changes attitudes is understanding their behaviour."

Always in the back of his mind was his dream to become a principal, which he achieved in 1993.

"I wanted to be principal because the decisions you make can change the outcomes of a school," he says. Then, of course, the conversation turns philosophical. "Leadership and power are interesting. I define leadership as all about picking the right people to get the job done. Power is the fine line of having respect instead of the ability to bully someone. The key word in leadership is trust and to get people to believe in you."

And the students really do believe him when he says, "Once a Hawk, always a Hawk." It's a phrase he coined several years ago and it's become the mantra of the school. And a Hawk isn't just someone on a sports team. It's each and every student,

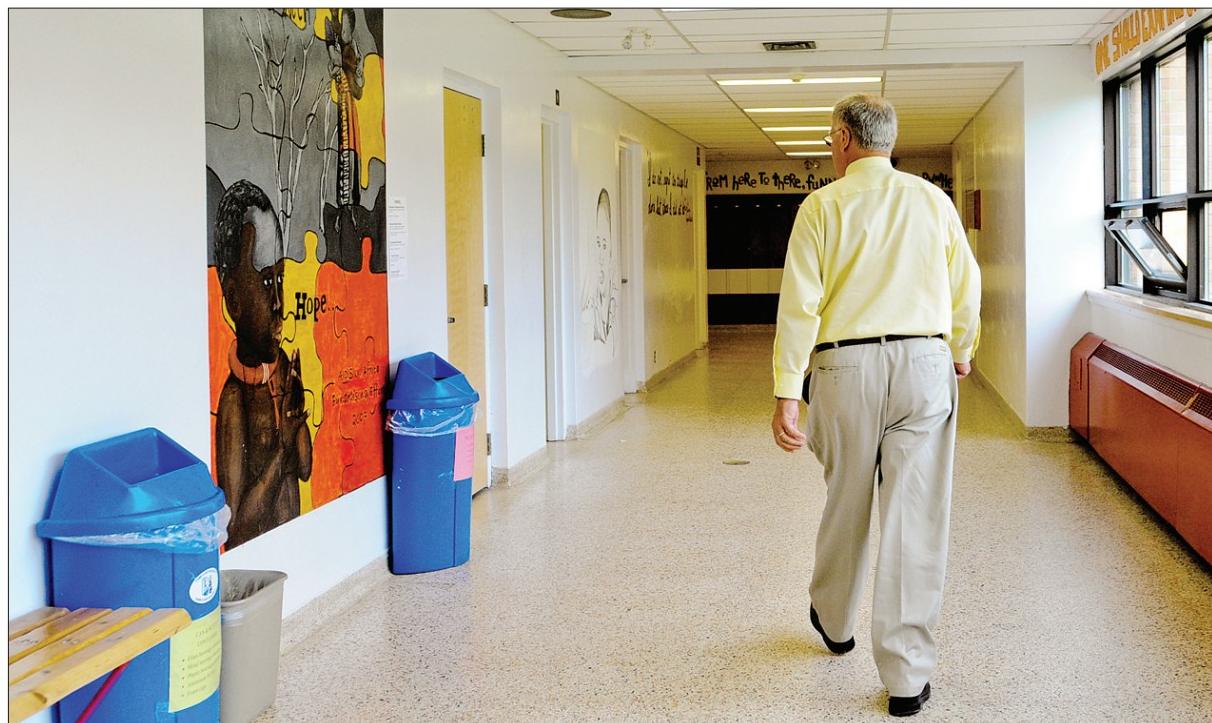


**Gary Brohman speaks with senior student Christianna Walker before she left to compete at the east regional track and field competition.**

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Gary Brohman, right, stands with Larry Stinson at an awards ceremony early in the retiring principal's career. /File photo



Gary Brohman walks down the Hall of Causes in HHSS. He has worked at the school as a teacher, vice-principal and principal his whole career.

## 'I go out with joy in my heart': Brohman

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each and every staff person. "I just have to breathe, 'Once a Hawk' and the cheer is heard from here to Guilford."

One of the teachers Brohman hired was Dan Marsden. Marsden taught at Hal High for several years before leaving

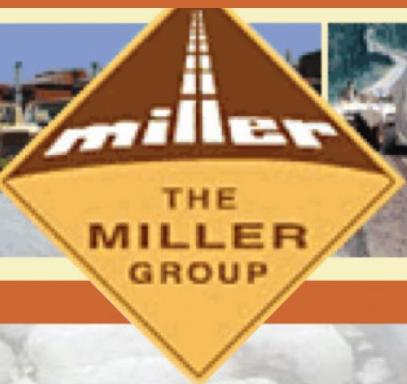
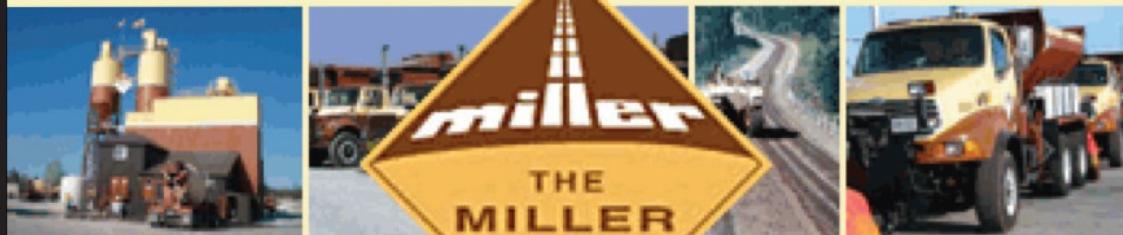
for Fenelon Falls Secondary School as vice-principal. This spring, Brohman was thrilled to hire Marsden as his replacement. "I know he'll carry the tradition of Hal High with great pride."

But right now, the hardest thing Brohman has to do is get through tonight's commencement. He says his speech is

not going to be about him. It will be, as always, about being a member of the Hal High family.

"Right now," he says, "I know in the deepest part of my knowing, that if retirement is half as good as my years here, I'll have one hell of a good retirement. I go out with joy in my heart."

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## our editorial

# A new look

**T**HIS WEEK you'll notice that the *Haliburton Echo* looks a little different than usual. The font style has changed; we've implemented new design elements such as section labels and teaser boxes on the front page.

These elements came about after readers were asked their opinions of what designs they found most attractive in an online survey conducted in the fall.

The new look reflects a more modern approach to the weekly newspaper that should improve readers' ability to navigate through the pages making it easier to find desired information.

As with any change it takes some time to adjust, but readers will be happy to know that the *Echo's* content will remain as strong, creative and informative as it has always been.

## Beach testing important

News that some of the county's beaches will not be tested for safety this summer by the health unit is disturbing.

What better summer memories can kids make than going for a swim in the local lake, far from the chlorine of public swimming pools, getting exercise outside with family and friends?

By cutting out screening of certain lakes in the county, our recreational options are greatly limited.



**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

## Eating words

Last week, I wrote an article about a new restaurant in town that referred to the usual restaurant fare of cottage country being greasy spoons and chip trucks.

It was pointed out to me that this is an unfair generalization about the area and discounts the creativity, variety and diversity of restaurants already operating in the Highlands.

This is absolutely true.

The intention of last week's article was not to put down or ignore what is already here (nor was it to put down greasy spoons and chip trucks), but it gave that impression and that's what matters.

Thank you to those who pointed out this inaccuracy to me.

After all, who is going to risk jumping in at Rotary Beach on Head Lake when the sign reads "use your own discretion"? How will these signs affect tourists looking for a cabin to rent for the week? Would you choose one next to a beach with questionable water safety?

Encouraging recreation for the kids (and adults) of this county is not only good for the health of the community, but also good for tourism.

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Two trees

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# Shaking all over

**O**K, I'LL ADMIT IT: I do not have an earthquake story to tell. And, yes, I am very upset about this. After all, it was felt it in virtually every community that surrounds our place and throughout most of Central Ontario. Unfortunately, we never detected a single vibration here.

With that said, I think now is the time to address what the rest of you are thinking.

First off, I can't help it if - unlike the rest of you - I never angered the gods. Nor is it my fault that they obviously favour me and decided to give me a reprieve from the torturous, yet almost pleasant, vibrations that the rest of you felt.

I'm not sure why this is either. Yes, I sacrificed some burnt offerings the night before - but that's just the way I normally cook dinner. Apparently, however, it was enough to gain the divine favour of the ancient gods whose wrath you people have somehow awakened. (Perhaps through karaoke?)

Despite all of this, I feel like I missed out on something important.

I mean when someone asks me what I was doing for that historic minute on June 24, when coffee cups were almost vibrated to the point of stirring, I have nothing interesting to say. Sure, I could go on about how the gods placed a magical circle of protection around my place. And, yes I could follow up by verbalizing my suspicions that they are about to provide me with some incredible artifact - say a helmet of invisibility - and send



**Steve Galea**  
Tales from Vinegar Hill

me on a major quest to save humanity or, at the very least, slay a Kraken. But who wants to hear that over some great "story" about how a vase on the window sill rattled imperceptibly?

It's understandable I suppose. I get it. I mean, traditionally, the gods have used earthquakes to show severe disapproval. And judging by the magnitude of this last one, they are almost mildly peeved at you people.

It's only natural then that everyone is going about their business, acting as if that earthquake was a great and unique experience rather than the obvious warning from reawakened, slightly irritated ancient deities.

Nor is it a surprise that not one person is talking about the almost-flooding that occurred from the moderately heavy rains that came on the following Saturday - or the second sign, as I call it. (Next, by the way, I predict the gods will unleash a stiff breeze that will rattle the leaves and mildly muss hair. Change your ways, before it is too late!)

Anyhow, with all this going on, it's understandable that the last thing some of you want to do is talk to someone who was sheltered from all of this by the very same pantheon of angry - OK mildly peeved - gods who inflicted these natural disasters upon you. Hey, no one likes a teacher's pet.

Just know, I can't help any of this. Sure, we didn't get an earthquake here. But that's through no fault of my own.

# points of view

## Doing outhouses

**I**WONDER WHAT WE HAVE HERE, Sarah thought to herself as an expensively-dressed woman entered the store. One shoulder peeked above a silky top. Smooth tanned legs in tailored walking shorts ended with pedicured toes and sandals like brown butter. Around her neck a generous necklace of freshwater pearls were roped like the Milky Way. She did not look like someone who might don laceless old runners, an ancient t-shirt and ripped shorts to paint the wood shed.

That had been Sarah's attire the day before. Trying to get as much done as possible before working her shift at her grandparents' gift shop, she had chosen practicality over fashion. Besides working in the shop, she was being paid for the many odd jobs her aging relatives struggled to complete. They were giving her free accommodation so she could save for her return to university in the fall.



**Sharon Lynch**  
Down our Road

"Do you have a washroom I could use?" she asked. Was it Sarah's imagination or did the woman seem to be looking down her nose at Sarah? The washroom question was frequently posed and Sarah's reply was always the same.

"No but we have an outhouse, fully equipped just out that door and down a short path."

The woman looked at Sarah for the briefest moment, as though not quite believing what she had heard. "I don't do outhouses," she told Sarah at the same time turning and heading for the door. And then she was gone, in a flash of chrome and shiny black SUV.

Pity she doesn't do outhouses, noted Sarah silently. She's missing out.

Sarah thought the shop's outhouse was one of the best she'd ever seen. Besides receiving a good sweep over all its surfaces every morning, the outhouse boasted a batik canopy covering the old rafters, several large art posters on the walls, and an exotic-looking shelf sporting an arrangement of toilet paper, hand sanitizers and whimsical reading material. A gentle breeze always seemed to find its way through the screens and the only smell was the cedar boughs that hid it from the hot summer sun.

Straightening the tea towels and candles to their former places, Sarah mused philosophically. Outhouses are like anything else in this world, she decided. Treat them with care and thought and they will repay you by making your life more pleasant. True, she had visited some truly horrendous outhouses in her life. But then, she had also seen bathrooms where she had hesitated to set foot and kitchens that hinted at horrors under the sink.

For Sarah, outhouses were places of peaceful contemplation. She remembered her father, son of these grandparents, retiring with his cigarettes and Time magazine to the outhouse almost every morning after breakfast. This was at the cottage where indoor plumbing was a luxury only enjoyed in the last few years. But they kept the outhouse and she was willing to bet her dad still made the odd trip to it still.

The first time her heart was broken by a summer romance, Sarah went to the outhouse and sobbed secretly until the hurt was wrung out. There used to be a stack of ancient comic books, damp from the forest air, that she could pick at while sitting in the outhouse and be immediately transported back to the age she had been when she had bought them.

Away from the sounds of the lake, she had been able to hear red squirrels chattering, crickets squeaking in the tall weeds or a distant hawk circling high above them all. It had been the last place anyone looked when they wanted her to do a chore or run an errand. Cool and shadowy, it had been the final place she visited at night and the first in the morning. She saw the stars scattered above the trees and the pink glow staining the eastern horizon. If she hadn't had an outhouse, she might have missed these sights.

But Sarah did outhouses. Always had and always would.



**pic of the past**

**S**ummer fishing is not like it used to be. Brant Sisson, left, (holding Grey), Gord Watt, Mac Trudeau and Carl Sisson have their picture taken with their catch behind Brant's house in Eagle Lake around 1944. The fish were probably caught out of Redstone Lake. Submitted by Jack Fry.

We had a correction to information given with last week's photo of the soldiers of Company D at Gooderham train station: Apparently it wasn't poties but "puttees" and they were on their "buttons" not bottoms.

### letters to the editor

## Janis Parker is committed to Haliburton

#### To the Editor,

It seems to me that the very harsh letters being written about Janis Parker are from people who do not know her personally. This is who I know Janis Parker to be. Janis is someone who has given more of her time and financial resources to this community than most people I know, myself included. She is strongly committed to Haliburton and has donated at no charge a great deal of printing and advertising materials to local businesses. Janis has coordinated the volunteers and been present to cook the meals for the artists on the Saturday of the Art and Craft Festival, one of the highlights of the summer in this town. She has done the same for Winterfest. Janis is a "doer," someone who rolls up her sleeves to help out at local functions and events. She has been known to drive up from her Markham office late afternoon to make a board meeting that evening, and then drive back to Markham again. She is someone who has invested substantially in this community and believes in it wholeheartedly - enough to open a business in Haliburton and enough to move here permanently. She is also someone who is willing to take on difficult issues and to speak honestly.

I continue to be confused about the enduring need to keep this community divided - locals versus non-locals. This implies that our origins dictate our values and that urban mindsets are not in keeping with the kinds of values that we would like to foster in this community. Let us practice the values that one reader has put forward of hard work, honour, sustainability, and practicality, whether we come from an urban or a local mindset. The May issue of *Maclean's* magazine ranked the smartest cities and local communities in Canada. They support the belief that the most prosperous and excit-

ing places to live need amenities, vibrancy and culture. (Minden Hills, by the way, is ranked on their site). Janis supports the revisioning of York Street, the library and the arts. We received funding for the streetscape because Janis Parker championed that cause and it was supported by council. We received funding for the library because someone championed that cause and it was supported by council.

It is disheartening for me to see someone whom I know to be absolutely committed to this community be so badly maligned. You go Janis - I am proud of the work you are doing!

**Dagmar Boettcher**  
Haliburton

## We take offense

#### To the Editor,

We at That Place in Carnarvon take offense to the suggestion that our community is "dominated by chip trucks and greasy spoon diners," as written by Jenn Watt. There are many very talented, professional and hardworking chefs in the Haliburton Highlands, in addition to the front of the house staff that are equally as amazing! I am sure if you were to contact any number of the fine establishments in this community with fully trained, hardworking, professional chefs, servers and owners, they would agree that implying we are an area of "greasy spoon diners and chip trucks" is completely insulting and inaccurate. I am not sure that inaccurate is the word as I have been here for a fair length of time (almost 47 years, part and full time) and I am unaware of the location of a chip wagon or a greasy spoon diner.

**Sue Yallop**  
Minden

# Historical Society clarification

## To the Editor,

We've read with interest last week's story about the formation of a new countywide historical society and feel it's important to clarify a few items in the story.

The introduction of a local chapter of the Ontario Historical Society is a welcome addition to the many groups active in local heritage preservation. However, the Haliburton and Stanhope museums and the Minden Hills Cultural Centre are not officially "on board" with the new society.

Like others, each was sent an email announcing the new group and asking which executive positions they would like to assume. Little information has been shared about the new group, and little effort has been made to integrate the new group with existing efforts so none of the above have actually committed their institutions, staff or volunteers.

There are five museums in the county, one of which is a national historic site, and a sixth is about to open. The many volunteers of these organizations have, over many years, undertaken hundreds of heritage-related projects. These folks, including the members of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group (HHGG), are to be recognized and commended for their ongoing good works.

Together these groups, their staff and their volunteers manage thousands of artifacts and records. They've gathered, preserved and shared thousands of local and family histories, photographs and stories and continue to do so. The thing about heritage work here is that it plugs along silently in the background, always moving forward without a lot of fanfare.

To say that the county is "void of a county-wide historical initiative" isn't quite accurate. The heritage people all know each other; they are in frequent contact to share information

and resources, to repatriate artifacts, assist with research and help each other's efforts move forward. So the countywide initiative exists, it's just not formalized. There is, however, an informal countywide group called Highlands Heritage which encompasses the five museums. Together it has discussed several group projects and two years ago received funding for, and produced, a countywide historic driving tour map. This group was recently invited by the Arts Council to discuss the creation of a Heritage Roundtable to determine how best to represent the county's many groups and projects that are working away quietly in the background.

The county may not have a historical society of its own, but formal historical groups exist in the HHGG, the Wilberforce Heritage Guild, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee, the management boards of both Stanhope and Dorset museums, the new Schoolhouse Historical Society in Highland Grove, the recently incorporated Friends of Stanhope Museum and the entire community of Dorset - which is like one giant historical society! There are plenty of opportunities for folks to get involved in dozens of interesting heritage projects.

The story also said that there needs to be a focus on funding. While there's always room for more money good work is, indeed, being done on this front. The Haliburton Museum is a recipient of the annual Ontario Community Museum Operating Grant and the Minden Hills Museum is applying for this grant as we speak. Grant money has repeatedly helped the museums of Stanhope, Dorset and Minden in their various endeavours. Grant money helped restore the Hawk Lake Log Chute, helped build the addition on the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, and assisted with both the development of the Gilmour Tramway model at the Dorset Museum and the Schoolhouse project in High-

land Grove.

The museums and technology grant recently received by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for the digitization of historical records at the AJG, the R.D. Lawrence Place, the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, the Minden Museum and the Stanhope Museum is an excellent example of the collaborative work being funded in the county. In Minden Hills alone, there has been close to \$1 million in project and capital funding from the municipal, provincial and federal levels over the past four years.

The OHS works at preserving cemeteries, hosts events and workshops and publishes historical booklets among other endeavours - all good stuff, and all good stuff that's currently being done here. Many of our existing groups already have volunteer boards, clear mandates, committee structures and some have membership fees. It's all very exciting!

The heritage of Haliburton County is in good hands and perhaps as a newcomer Mr. Giles doesn't know any of this. One of the ongoing issues in this community is volunteer burnout and as such it's in our collective best interest to keep our lines of communication open and clear so we can best use our existing resources and not duplicate what's already being done.

The new OHS chapter is a great idea and one that we hope will dovetail nicely with existing groups and efforts. We all look forward to hearing from Mr. Giles and learning more about this.

**Daniela Pagliera - director, Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Tom Ballantine - director, Haliburton Highlands Museum, Betty Moffatt - chairperson, Stanhope Museum, Kerry Lock - chairperson, Dorset Museum, Michele Smith - secretary, the Schoolhouse Historical Society, Norma Goodger - secretary, Friends of Stanhope Museum**

# Banning Enduro bikes a great decision

## To the Editor,

As a local landowner who has to suffer the annoyances of having ATVs use the Rail Trail I feel it would be prudent to respond to the recent decision by county council committee to ban Enduro bikes from the same trail.

First and foremost, outstanding. A great decision by the committee.

But we need to go further, and ban all motorized vehicles outright from the trail, with the exception of licensed, permit-purchasing snowmobilers in the winter. And I say this for the following reasons.

Last Thursday while working on my property I witnessed two ATVs and one Enduro bike come down the trail, stop a couple of times, and then leave the trail, ride down to the fence adjacent to my property, knock it completely to the ground, and then ride over said fence and tear around my field and adjacent gravel pit. By the time I retrieved a digital camera and caught up to them they were back up on the trail. As one would rightly expect I read them the riot act in no uncertain terms, with enough colourful language tossed in for good measure to make my deceased United Church minister father turn over in his grave. But my dad, Wendell Sedgwick would have agreed with me on the main theme;

these idiots have got to go.

Neither ATV had a licence plate, and of course the dirt biker was just outright in complete violation of trail policy. Believe it or not, one of these guys actually held up his hands in mock surrender when I caught them, and said; "hey man don't blame me I don't even own any property around here." Unbelievable. This guy actually thought this was some kind of legitimate defense for trespassing and property destruction. Incredible.

ATVs, unlike snowmobilers, cause far more damage from noise, pollution, dust, and ill will to the local landowners, than any tiny economic benefit they might bring to the county. I have not witnessed a snowmobiler leave the trail and trespass and cause property damage and destruction like so many ATVs do, in at least 15 years. They have smartly gotten their act together.

The ATVs, not at all. The majority of ATV riders on the Rail Trail are just locals wasting an hour or two by roaring aimlessly up and down for a few miles annoying everyone in sight and earshot. For what benefit? A couple of gallons of gasoline purchased locally? WOW! I can't wait to see how much the taxes on my 900 acres are going to go down thanks to the huge, lottery-like windfall brought in from all this environmentally friendly activity!

For those not yet in the loop, that last paragraph is known as sarcasm.

The Rail Trail has become a conduit for people on ATVs with no respect for private property whatsoever, to have unfettered access to thousands of acres of private property.

The land the Rail Trail sits on was taken/stolen under the banner of expropriation and prosperity for the county decades ago. While the prosperity clearly never arrived it is still an insult to those who watched their land taken against their will to now have to put up with this kind of stupid activity.

It's time for the county to face up to their moral and liable responsibilities in regard to this trail and specifically this one user group. It's time they entered the 21st century and realized there is far more value and integrity in having the trail exist for everyone so long as they aren't using a roaring internal combustion engine just so they can create dust, noise and anger for the true taxpayers in the county.

My family has been paying taxes on the same property for 160 years. I and my ancestors before me would have expected more from them than this nonsense and abuse. I have had it.

**Ken Sedgwick  
Gelert**

# HHSS is gem of a school

## To the Editor,

Last Thursday I had the privilege of watching Mrs. Zilla's amazing Grade 12 drama class do a tribute play to Gary Brohman, Paul Morissette and Walter Tose, who are all retiring this year. Mrs. Zilla is one of the exceptional teachers at our high school who seem to bring out the best in our kids. Watching these Grade 12 students put on that show for these exceptional individuals made me realize once again how fortunate I was that my children got to spend their high school years here at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

If you don't have children in HHSS you might not realize the opportunities our local kids have at Hal High. We have a small school but we have so many activities that the students can take part in thanks to all the teachers who volunteer their time. So many teachers have given their own time to coach my son in sports; I won't even name them all in case I forget someone. Mr. Regina has spent so many nights coaching the various bands over the years and many of his days went till past 7 p.m. There were school trips where teachers like Paul Morissette and Paul Longo gave up their much-needed days off to take our kids away for unique experiences. Even the day trips to plays in Toronto or Stratford (Tylenol, Mrs. Robinson?) meant these days wouldn't end till after 11 p.m. sometimes. There were opportunities for drama, music, sports and leadership. Not all students want to be that involved in their high school but mine did and they got so much out of it. And thank goodness for the late bus!

At HHSS there are some pretty amazing teachers and support staff that give 110 per cent when they are dealing with our kids. Not every day or every class was perfect but for the most part I felt my kids had some pretty awesome and inspiring teachers over the years.

When we moved here 21 years ago friends voiced their concern that my children would have an inferior educational experience because everything is on such a small scale here. I now realize that that is exactly opposite and I am truly grateful to the many teachers and staff that have supported Sarah and then Alex over the last eight years.

In the McMaster house, we are all sad to be "graduating" HHSS on June 29, but I hope that we will still get invited to Mrs. Zilla's plays and Mr. Regina's concerts and I am sure you will still see Mark hanging out on the football field come September 2010.

Thank you to all the teachers and staff at HHSS for the best experience!

**Jan and Mark McMaster  
Haliburton**

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## Meeting will decide fate of motorbikes on Rail Trail

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years about allowing the two-wheeled vehicles on the trail and said after the economic committee's resolution earlier this month that Enduro bike riders were being unfairly discriminated against.

When he's driving his truck or riding his ATV, Hoeverman said he's "a good guy, an ordinary citizen. But when I whip my leg over my motorcycle, I'm immediately a villain."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said it was high time the county dealt with the issue once and for all.

"I think it's unfair to keep postponing this," Harrison said. "The longer this is postponed, the worse the situation gets. Let's

move forward in some fashion."

Harrison had been a county representative on the county's Rail Trail management committee, which included politicians and stakeholders, but was disbanded last year after being deemed ineffective.

Rail Trail matters have since come under the purview of the county's economic development committee.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said he would like to see some kind of protocol established for the meeting, perhaps asking various stakeholder groups and clubs to pick one speaker to represent their points of view so that council did not have to listen to numerous presentations pushing the same points.

County chief administrative officer Jim

Wilson said this might be difficult since while there are some organized groups such as the county snowmobile and ATV associations, there are many trail users who are not part of a formal organization.

County Warden and Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said he thought it was important that presentations at the meeting be subject to time restrictions as well.

"If you can't get your point across in five minutes, are you ever going to?" Burton asked. Pamela Marsales head up Friends of the Rail Trail, a group that organizes pedestrian-oriented events on and near the trail, said she was concerned that since the July 7 meeting is scheduled during the work day, that many members of the public would not have an opportunity to attend.

So, she has scheduled a public meeting to be held at Fleming College at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30.

Marsales told the *Echo* she had organized the meeting "on behalf of a coalition of interests, from adjacent property owners to those who cherish safe access to public green space."

"This will serve many who won't be able to attend the daytime council meeting," she said, adding that the meeting would be "an important opportunity for anyone worried about Enduros on the county Rail Trail to come together to discuss their concerns, share information and perhaps explore a unified approach to the council meeting."

The council meeting be held in county council chambers at 9 a.m. on July 7.

## New bear launched

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation from left, Dale Walker, Klara Oyler and Brenda Ellis snuggle with the foundation's 2010 bear, aptly named Burton. The bear is available for sale throughout the county for \$20.

Photo by Angelica Blenich



## Council irked by ceased beach water testing

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

County councillors are upset the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pineridge District Health Unit will be reducing the amount of water testing it does at the county's public beaches.

At a June 23 county council meeting, councillors said they were disturbed by correspondence their townships had received from the health unit, indicating that water quality testing would no longer be performed at certain sites.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said her township relied on the tests with regards to its Halls Lake swimming lessons. There are swimming lessons held

at public beaches throughout the county in locations that include Haliburton Lake, West Guilford and Wilbermere.

However, Richard Orcharovich, manager of environmental health with the health unit, said the unit had made sure the beaches where it was ceasing water testing were not used for swimming lessons and said they were often smaller and lesser-used beaches.

Six public beaches in the county that will no longer be tested for water quality are Haliburton Lake's west bay, Head's Lake's Rotary Beach, Silver Beach, Esson Lake and the beaches along the river and at the lagoon in Minden's Rotary Park.

Townships must post "use at your own risk" signs at these sites.

The unit is decreasing water testing at

public beaches throughout its jurisdiction, not just in Haliburton County, in an attempt to tighten up its operations.

"We have to look at where we put our resources," Orcharovich said, adding that beaches in the county generally receive positive reviews. "Most of the beaches in Haliburton County are good beaches."

The health unit performs weekly tests from June through September at public beaches throughout its jurisdiction, looking for contaminants such as geese feces and sewage, blue-green algae and safety hazards such as broken glass.

While the beaches in the county that will be affected are not used for swimming lessons, "they've some of our [lakes] most frequently used for swimming," Fearrey said. "It's a great disappointment."

## Doctor recruiter considered

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The county may be changing its strategy when it comes to the recruitment of physicians to the area.

At a June 23 council meeting, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who sits on the Haliburton Highlands Health Services professional recruitment committee, said the committee would be exploring the idea of the county hiring a full-time, in-house physician recruiter to bring doctors to the county.

Like many communities across the country, Haliburton County is in dire need of family doctors, along with acute, emergency, long-term and primary care workers.

County Warden and Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton was skeptical, explaining that North Hastings had worked with some kind of consultant in order to attract more physicians to that area and that the endeavour had proven unsuccessful.

"There were a lot of promises and it didn't happen," Burton said.

Harrison said there was a big difference between working with a recruitment firm and the county actually bringing a head-hunter on staff. She said that if the committee found it could be to the county's advantage, council could see a recommendation about hiring a new staff member in the fall. Harrison said the committee will also be looking at the option of recruiting physician assistants to the area.

Not full doctors and different than nurse practitioners, physician assistants are people who are licenced to perform certain medical functions including physical exams and the review of medical tests under the supervision of a doctor.

# Haliburton County Library hits the record books

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Haliburton County library is on pace to have a record year in 2010.

Bessie Sullivan, the library's CEO, gave her 2009 summary report to county councillors at their June 23 meeting and the news was good.

Sullivan said the library's circulation numbers, which are based on the actual number of barcodes that are scanned in checkout, is on the rise.

While circulation in 2008 was 67,890, for 2009, it was up to just short of 80,000.

Sullivan said this year the system looks like it could see more than 100,000 transactions.

"I don't believe the system has even met that milestone before," she said.

Sullivan, who took over the county library network about a year and half ago, has updated and heavily integrated its website into the library's operations and told councillors last week that an average visit to the website is about 30 seconds, which would indicate that people are using it to access the library's online catalogue.

Membership is also up and Sullivan said

the library now has more than 6,700 card carriers.

She said this was partially due to the fact that the county's schools make frequent use of the new Minden Hills and Dysart branches.

Haliburton County's permanent population is just 15,000.

Sullivan said she hopes to increase library programming and said the library will be holding some concerts this summer.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch, who serves on both Minden Hills's library committee and the county's library board said in her short time here, Sullivan has become an invaluable asset to the community.

"What wonderful, positive changes she's brought to the county library system," Murdoch said. "I think we owe her a great deal of thanks."

The county library system includes eight branches in Dysart, Minden Hills, Cardiff, Dorset, Gooderham, Highland Grove, Stanhope and Wilberforce.

It is in the process of starting a user survey to help better serve these communities.

Its collection consists of some 400,000 books and other items.

**Read Bessie Sullivan's column in the *Highland Weekender***

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## Help A Lot at Independent

Haliburton resident Elaine Purpura helps out, giving \$2 to the Give a Little Help a Lot fundraiser that contributes to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation at the Independent in Haliburton. Last year the Independent grocery store's fundraiser raised \$1,500.

The Minden Kin Club would like to thank the following businesses and individuals who supported us and made it possible for us to put on our Truck Pull/Show & Shine Sat. June 19, 2010. Without your support the show would not go on and by doing so it makes it possible for us to help with Community Projects in Haliburton County and the C.F. Foundation.

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# Paper transferred to charity as owners pursue invention

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

After more than two years at the helm of the *Haliburton County Voice* and eight-plus years with the *Highlands Communicator*, Joanne and Brett Irvine announced June 24 they are stepping away from publishing to launch a new invention into the restaurant world.

Meanwhile, the publications formerly owned by the couple are in the process of being given to a community board of directors who will run the business as a charity.

As their lives became more complicated by the creation of Au Garcon, a wine-bottle-shaped light that is used to signal to waiters when customers need service, the Irvines determined they could no longer dedicate as much time as they thought necessary to the *Voice* and *Communicator* and were looking for a suitable alternative to their management.

"Then we started talking to [Maarten Steinkamp] because of the Au Garcon issue," Joanne said in an interview at Steinkamp's restaurant, Upper Manhattan Lounge.

Steinkamp suggested to the Irvines that they could try a different model for their papers – establish a charitable foundation and funnel the profits from the business back to the community.

"This idea became the one. It sat right with me," Joanne said.

"I can sleep with it," Brett added.

So, they set the wheels in motion: Steinkamp took charge of organizing legal, accounting and structural changes to the business, while the Irvines began preparing the paper for their departure.

Since summer is the busiest season for the newspaper,

they determined that the profits made beginning July 1 should be held in trust for the charity – named Give It For Tomorrow (GIFT) – until it could be established.

"Before we can establish ourselves as a charitable foundation we need to go through some serious processes," Steinkamp said in an interview.

Money made before the board is established will be held by a trust, which the Irvines and Steinkamp oversee together, until it can be given to the charity.

Neither Steinkamp, nor the Irvines will take seats on the governing board once it is established. (The Irvines have indicated they will maintain an advisory relationship with the business.)

"I'm just doing this to get it going, once the foundation is established and the board is there I've no intention of being on the board," Steinkamp said.

Steinkamp has invested none of his own money into the *Voice* and said he will not be receiving any money from his participation in its transformation, either.

The Irvines have transferred all of the *Voice*'s assets to the trust and will be given a fee for those assets if the company is profitable after the charity board has been established.

The editorial department will remain the same, with the addition of Andrea Hillo as a creative consultant for the publications.

"[The] Irvines do not receive any money/payment upfront ... as profits are generated over time – the Irvines will receive fair payment towards their portion of the *Voice* assets – which is well below market value as the Irvines have contributed a substantial portion of the company's assets and good will to the foundation. The board will have to agree with the height of repayment/installments," reads an email sent jointly by Steinkamp and the Irvines to the *Echo*.

Conversations about what to do with the free newspaper and good news publication began in April of this year when the Irvines decided there was enough interest in their invention to dedicate the bulk of their time to its promotion and sales.

When they took the Au Garcon prototype to trade shows around Canada, the Irvines received such large amounts of positive feedback that they realized they had something special, Joanne said.

"People were coming up and saying we were the talk of the show," Joanne said.

"Meantime, the manufacturer was saying, you have no idea what you've just invented."

They did a whirlwind tour of North America and when interest from European markets was sparked, they decided to consult with Steinkamp about how best to approach overseas sales, since Steinkamp is a former president of Sony BMG for continental Europe.

That is when talks began about what to do with the newspaper.

"We were in a bit of a pickle," Joanne said.

"I love this paper and we can't stop it, but we can't miss an opportunity of a lifetime," she said.

Until Steinkamp suggested the new structure, the options were sell, hire new management or shut down – none of which sounded as good as running it as a charity.

"Now it's going to give back and continue to live," Joanne said.

The trust will put out a formal call for board members and for potential projects that the charity can take on in the near future.

Steinkamp estimates GIFT will take until about November of this year to launch.

In the short-term, the Irvines will seek out a manager to run the publications in their absence.

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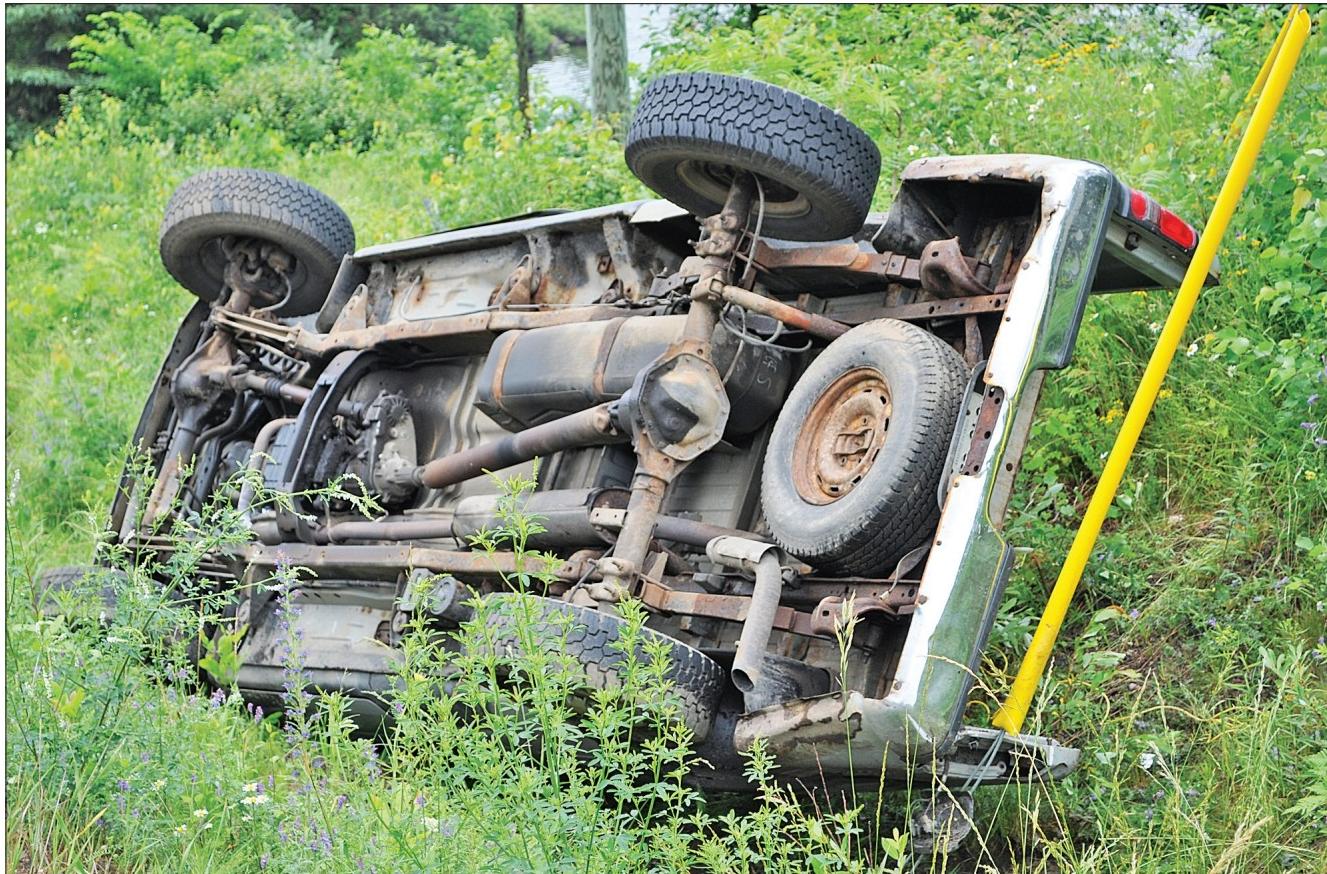
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## Car lands in ditch

The rainy weather and slippery roads were to blame for this vehicle ending up in the ditch on June 26, according to the driver. The car was travelling down County Rd. 21 at approximately 12:30 p.m. when the driver hit a slippery stretch and flipped into the ditch. No injuries were sustained as a result of the single vehicle crash.



## Military presence seen over Redstone Lake

Redstone Lake residents Laura and Barry Smith heard the loud fighter jet and snapped this photo on the evening of June 25.

Also seen hovering over the lake was a military helicopter. The helicopter was believed to be tied to security measures surrounding the G8 Summit in Huntsville.

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# HHSS students hold steady in literacy test

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

When the most important factor in standardized test success is socioeconomic status, it is a special achievement that the high school from one of the poorest counties in the province keeps up with the rest.

This year, 83 per cent of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 10 students succeeded on the province's standardized literacy test, nearly meeting the board and provincial rate of 84 per cent.

It's something to take pride in, Dr. Darrell Dobson, the school's literacy coach, says.

"I think we – the whole school, the whole town, the whole board – should feel very happy with the results that we had, because we have to remember always that the greatest indicator of success on standardized tests is socioeconomic status of the population and because we live in the county in the province with the lowest socioeconomic indicators, for us to be anywhere near average means that, in fact, exceptionally positive things are happening in the school and our students are working very hard and doing very well," he says.

For students enrolled in academic level English courses, 97 per cent at HHSS passed, receiving a score of at least 300 out of 400. (Provincially, the 93 per cent of students in academic English were successful.)

For those in applied English the results were not as strong,

with 61 per cent of all students passing the test. (Fifty-five per cent passed provincially.)

Since Haliburton actually has far more applied level students than the norm, the fact that its overall success rate was on par with the board and the province is a big achievement, Dobson says.

"We have twice the provincial average of applied level students," he says, "The applied level students, their board and provincial success rates are about 60 per cent as opposed to the 98 per cent for the academic students, so when you take into account that we have twice as many – the population of those students is twice as large as the provincial average – and yet our scores were at the provincial average, that is just an indicator of how wonderful the kids are doing, how hard they're working and how the whole team here is being successful at integrating literacy activities across the curriculum."

Forty-two per cent of the HHSS Grade 10 population is enrolled in applied level courses, whereas provincially that percentage is 24.

Since Dobson began his work as literacy coach at the school, scores have risen from 75 per cent success in March 2008.

The Education Quality and Accountability Office of the Ontario government mandates students must pass the test in order to receive their high school diploma.

Since the tests are standardized, all students must answer the same questions, whether they are ready for it or not.

Special needs students historically have lower success rates on the test.

At HHSS, 61 per cent of "fully participating" (excluding those absent or who deferred the test) special education students were successful, the same percentage as the board, while slightly higher than in the province.

"People are not standard, so it's a very blunt instrument, so we need to be careful about how we use it and we need to be careful about what kinds of conclusions we make based on its data," Dobson says of the varied results across ability levels at the school.

Students are also asked to fill out a questionnaire when they do the test. This year's results revealed that 94 per cent of students read websites, email and chat messages outside of school most weeks, while 75 per cent say the same of magazines, 74 per cent of fiction.

Likewise, 94 per cent of students report writing emails and chat messages outside of school most weeks, dwarfing the next closest answer – 44 per cent say they write notes, directions or instructions most weeks.

## \$62,000 in funding for county newspapers

Local MP Barry Devolin, on behalf of the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, announced \$61,989 in funding for the *Haliburton County Echo* and the *Minden Times*.

"Our government is proud to support our publishing industry through the Canada Periodical Fund," said Moore. "Community newspapers play a vital role in their communities by reflecting the values and interests of Canadians."

"The *Haliburton County Echo* and the *Minden Times* are newspapers that contribute to the vitality of the communities they serve by reporting local news and telling stories that are of interest to them," said Devolin. "I am pleased to see the government of Canada supporting the growth of such community newspapers."

The government of Canada has provided funding of \$38,306 to the *Echo* and \$23,683 to the *Times* under the Aid to Publishers component of the Canada Periodical Fund.

The fund invests in periodicals like these to help increase the overall health of the Canadian magazine and non-daily newspaper industries. The Aid to Publishers component works to ensure that Canadians can continue to have access to the Canadian content they want from paid or request circulation magazines and community newspapers, and provides those titles with the support they need to respond to a complex marketplace.

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Above: Students from all grades took part in parachute games.

Left: Taylor, left, and Kadie compete head to head in a water race during fun day.

Right: Jordan tries to catch an egg as it explodes on him. The egg catch was just one of the day's activities.

Angelica Blenich Echo staff

## WES has fun day

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

The grey skies cleared up just in time on June 25 for the students at Wilberforce Elementary school to enjoy some sun during the school's annual fun day. Outdoor activities for the kids included an obstacle course, water races and parachute games.



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- Traditional Native Stories of the Land
- In Search of Haliburton Gold, and
- Why Wetlands?

To register, or for more information, contact Barrie at 754-3436 or [bmartin@outtolearn.ca](mailto:bmartin@outtolearn.ca). Registration is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children under 18, and \$30 for a family, which includes two adults and two children, \$5 per additional child.

Junior Naturalist Camps are half-day camps dedicated to educating up-and-coming naturalists, ages 7 to 10, about our local natural resources. Kids will explore the meaning and importance of habitat, and what it means to different species, as well as exploring the wonderful worlds of beavers, trees, owls and wolves. Two camp sessions are available for summer 2010, the first running from July 26 to July 30, and the second from Aug. 9 to Aug. 13.

Camps run from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day. Fees are \$30 per child per week, or \$7 per child per single session. For more information, or to enrol, please contact Irene Heaven via phone 286-3181, or email: [iheaven@outtolearn.ca](mailto:iheaven@outtolearn.ca)

To obtain more information on these or any other Stewardship programming, please contact the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council intern at 705-286-5205, or via email: [hhsc.intern@gmail.com](mailto:hhsc.intern@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.ontariostewardship.org/Haliburton](http://www.ontariostewardship.org/Haliburton).

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The graduating senior kindergartens, from left, Denver, Emma, Dakota, Michael and Gracyn stand with their teacher Barb Davies.



The Grade 6 student award winners, from left, Kelsey for academic, Alexandra for leadership and athletic, Eryn Solmes for citizenship, Cole for most improved, Jade for athletic (who was tied with Alexandra), Kurtus for perseverance and Taylor for French.

## Wilberforce Elementary students welcome future

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Wilberforce Elementary School is entering a new chapter at the conclusion of this school year marked by their graduation ceremony at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce on Thursday, June 24.

WES and the Cardiff Elementary School are exchanging students next year and couldn't have done it without the support, commitment and love of the two communities, said WES/CES principal Elaine Fournier.

Wilberforce will add Grade 7 and 8 students from the Cardiff area while CES is accepting the primary grade students from kindergarten to Grade 3 from Wilberforce.

Student speaker Eryn Solmes, who has never known any other school, was optimistic and hopeful.

"Wilberforce Elementary School as been around for ages, which really amounts to [close to] 100 years. My grandmother even went to this school, some great aunts and

uncles went to this school and both my parents. Now that's old," she said. "We're welcoming students from Cardiff here and the primary grades will be going there. There will be big changes, new teachers and new friends. We're all going to have to do some adjusting. But we can do it. We've come this far. Nelson Mandela once said, Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. So, come on Wilberforce students, let's change the world."

The Grade 6 student Solmes was also the winner of the citizenship award.

Fournier, who is the principal for WES and CES, spoke openly about next year's exchange, attributing the credit to the parents, teachers and the communities.

She thanked departing teacher Barb Davies, who will go with her primary classes to teach at CES next year, for her assistance with assuming the administrative assistance duties during the transfer process.

"I would not have been able to do that - to be at two schools - if it were not for her never-ending endurance, patience, hard

work and most of all her love and commitment for the community," she said.

Fournier made a special presentation to Jean Ruddell, who has been a perennial volunteer, coming every week for the last 50 years.

The ceremony included volunteer recognition to the adults who have dedicated their spare time and efforts, and the children helpers such as the flag helper and bell ringer, Cody Lampman; milk helpers

Jason Wood and Natasha Hewer.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board school trustee Valerie Smith addressed the graduating senior kindergartens: "The most important thing they have to remember is that it's a journey for them and not a destination that they are going to so they should look forward to it with enthusiasm. Through the love and support of their family you can encourage them to do that. It's most important you do that."

## Tradition



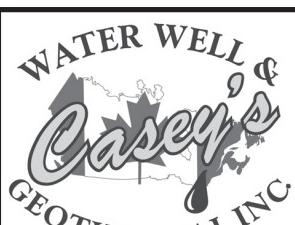
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# Tour showcases one of the best lakes

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

A recent boat tour of Boshkung Lake revealed its shoreline to be among the best in the Highlands.

As part of the Shoreline Advisor Program, the three-hour tour conducted by the Lakeland Alliance pointed out what is being done correctly and what needs improvement.

The alliance is a collaboration of organizations and government agencies working together for natural shorelines and healthy waters.

Area residents Sue Yallop, vice-president of the Boshkung Lake Property Owners Association, John Kirkconnell and Algoma Highlands Councillor Carol Moffatt, were on the boat tour, learning about the history and various changes to the lake. The tour also included the coordinator for the alliance, Michael Gibbs, Boshkung Lake and Kushog Lake shoreline advisor Eva Fisher, the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council's coordinator Nicole Tuyten, and Department of Fisheries and Oceans biologist Stephen Haayen.

It was one of two tours on the day with the afternoon tour on Kushog Lake.

Gibbs points out that property owners should not feel threatened by the process.

"We're not there to pass judgment or wag our fingers at folks. That's the thing we want to get across is that it's positive; it's an educational program and it's voluntary," he said.

Contact is made with lake associations first who communicate to their membership about the free program. This was the



**Darren Lum** Echo staff

Boshkung Lake is regarded as one of the best lakes in the area when it comes to maintaining its natural shorelines.

first tour in the year and the program is in its third year.

With more than 80 per cent of the lake residents are members of the lake association, the lake has been a good example of a community working together for the overall health of the lake.

Yallop said there have been 35 property owners who have signed up for the program with 50 spaces allotted.

"It's probably been one of the best lead ups to the season that we've had in the last three years," Gibbs said.

"I'm proud of them. I really am," Yallop, said, who led the association in applying for the program.

"The majority of people on this lake really, really care. They really do. It's something that has happened for years," she said.

Yallop and her family have been on the

lake for three generations, since 1936.

Yallop added the association's progress towards a healthier shoreline is largely due to "taking things slow."

Biologist Haayen said the natural shoreline is best for a healthy lake, but if property

owners should alter a shoreline he wants them to consult the department before beginning.

"If people are coming to us with what they can do that usually means there are a lot of opportunities to have things done right," he said. "If they come [to us] at the early stage they become better informed of their options and they tend to take a greener approach."

He adds during the 1960s and 1970s the prevalence of shore walls has been documented as a problem for shorelines where it is the most productive part of the lake.

The natural shoreline is often sloped, beneficial for stability underwater and can absorb energy from the waves on large lakes.

Thus far the program has accepted the applications from the Boshkung Lake Property Owners Association, Cavendish Community Ratepayers Association, Kushog Lake Property Owners Association and the Limerick Waterways Ratepayers Association.

Tuyten, as the coordinator of the stewardship council, said the strength of this program lies with the community and the partnerships between the various organizations and associations.

"The strength of our program is doing things like this in collaboration with other folks ... Haliburton County is an amazing community. One of its biggest strengths is that everybody finds a way to work together ... you can't do anything in isolation. You're much stronger as a unified entity," Tuyten said.

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Department of Fisheries and Oceans biologist Stephen Haayen had mostly praise for Boshkung Lake.

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Lakeland Alliance coordinator Michael Gibbs looks to the shoreline on Boshkung Lake during a tour of the lake.



OPP officer Sandy Adams, left, and Haliburton County's Amy Brohm are neck and neck during the annual celebrity tricycle race at the Shifting Gears Cycling Festival on June 26.



Sue Shikaze, left, Thom Lambert and Jim Hopkins sit on a bench enjoying a lunch catered by Rhubarb.

## Cycling Festival rides into town

The annual celebrity tricycle race at the Shifting Gears Cycling Festival was a hit again this year. Many people stood in the pouring rain to watch town celebrities race on tricycles on June 26.



Haliburton County's Amy Brohm falls behind to tricycling master Greg Roe of Canoe FM.



Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Paul Rosebush edges ahead of OPP officer Sandy Adams.



Musicians from the group Jazz Kitchen delighted the crowd with classic tunes at the Shifting Gears Cycling Festival on June 26.



### Camp Wanakita hosts Strawberry social

Left: staff at Camp Wanakita help prepare and distribute food for the annual Strawberry Social held on June 27. The annual event features a variety of delectable foods to choose from and fresh strawberries for dessert.

Right: Thomas Coulter, left, hands a tray of delicious desserts to Betty Douglas.

**Angelica Blenich**  
Echo staff



# Librarian wary of proposed funding formula

If approved, the county library could lose tens of thousands of provincial grant dollars

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Haliburton County's chief librarian is worried the county may stand to lose tens of thousands of dollars in annual funding from the province.

Bessie Sullivan says changes to the province's funding formula for public libraries could mean a loss of more than \$70,000 a year for the county.

"This is a threat, but it hasn't come to fruition yet," Sullivan said earlier this week.

As Sullivan explained, the province gives about \$18 million a year to public libraries and, even though it's rumoured that this funding may climb to \$25 million a year, rural and county libraries, like the ones in Haliburton, stand to lose out, while libraries in large urban centres would see their funding increase.

Sullivan believes the reasons for this are numerous and include the fact the commercial, retail and industrial tax base available to fund municipal services is low in rural

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**Libraries in general are under-funded, but in response to the recently proposed funding formula county library CEOs ... wrote a letter of concern about how the proposed funding formula hurts rural libraries the most.**

— *Bessie Sullivan, chief librarian*

areas; many rural communities have not been able to institute development charges the way larger communities have; rural communities have fewer funding opportunities available to them; and that provincial census data doesn't accurately reflect the impact of seasonal residents and tourists on rural libraries.

"Libraries in general are under-funded, but in response to the recently proposed funding formula county library CEOs such as me wrote a letter of concern about how the proposed funding formula hurts rural libraries the most," Sullivan said.

That funding formula is being created by a committee set up by the Federation of Public Libraries that includes the CEOs of the Ottawa, Peterborough, Kitchener and Dryden public libraries, as well as a representative of the culture and tourism ministry.

"There's nobody who's representing a county library [on the committee]," Sullivan said.

"The other constant debate seems to revolve around population and basically if you live in a [place with] high population density, you will get better services based on larger demand and better heft of lobbying," she said. "In a depressed area such as ours, people are so busy working hard that they truly don't have time to be the rallying cry. I guess that is where I come in."

Sullivan is a member of the Administrators of Rural and Urban Public Libraries of Ontario and said she and other rural library CEOs will be continuing to lobby the province to protect their libraries.

"I have a lot of involvement at the provincial level and I will continue to advocate for equal services for all," she said.

Sullivan said it appears so far that the province is listening to the concerns of rural libraries and said she had no idea when the funding formula would be finalized or approved.

The Haliburton County Library has eight branches in Minden, Haliburton, Cardiff, Dorset, Gooderham, Highland Grove, Stanhope and Wilberforce.

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# Students take on special school project

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Meghan Kennedy's Grade 2 class at Stuart Baker Elementary School took on a special project this year that involved some appreciative seniors.

For the past six months the students in Kennedy's class have been visiting the seniors at Highland Wood every other Friday morning to read, write and visit with them.

The decision to involve her students with seniors in the community came from one of Kennedy's teaching responsibilities.

"I was one of the character education representatives at the school this year," said Kennedy. "I really wanted to get involved in the community somehow and in early December I contacted Connie Robinson at Highland Wood and we created a program where my kids would visit the residents and do a series of things with them, such as reading aloud to them."

The result, said Kennedy, was something even she didn't envision taking place.

"It was such an incredible experience," said Kennedy. "I've always felt that nursing homes have a stigma attached to them and that there's a fear in the community and that a lot of people don't really feel comfortable going there unless they have family members there."

"I really wanted to instill in the kids that it's not just this scary place it's a home for some people. I always



Ilse Schaefer, left, and Dawson became close friends during the last few months as students from Stuart Baker Elementary School visited residents at Highland Wood to read, write and visit with them.

said to the kids as well that when we go there we have to act like guests because we're going into someone's home."

Beyond impacting the lives of the seniors, who were delighted with the visits from the students, the program also significantly changed the children's perspective as well.

"The first time we went there I literally had a blob around me," laughed Kennedy, "the students did not move from my side. Now it's a different story."

"I had a couple of kids that formed such a strong bond that they would visit the residents on their own time with their parents," said Kennedy. "That's beyond what I expected to happen, it's amazing."

The students in Kennedy's class are similarly vocal about the entire experience and what it has meant to them.

"I visited the residents in their rooms a lot and I know most people are kind of scared of older people, but they shouldn't be," said Emma Dawson. "They're so nice."

"I met two residents named Jean and Ken and I read to them a couple of times," said Hailey Brisco. "I feel really happy when I read to them because it makes me happy and them not so lonely."

Kennedy will not be returning to SBES in the fall as she is in the midst of planning a big move to Toronto. However the partnership between the students and seniors, she says, will continue.

"My sister, who has been teaching at JDH for the past few years, is taking on my position at Stuart Baker," said Kennedy. "So she will be taking on this program next year and continuing with it."

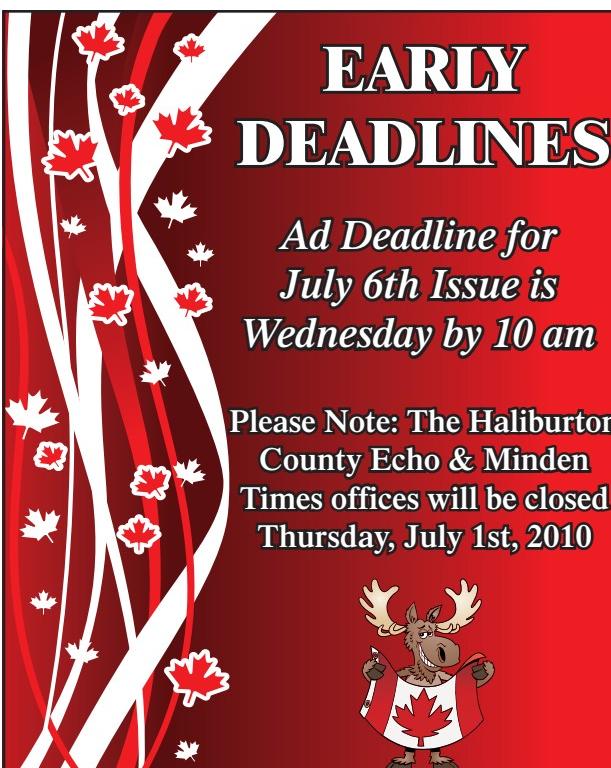


Ethel Marinelli, left, and Jillian read together during their time at Highland Wood. Many of the students would read aloud to the seniors during their Friday visits to the home.

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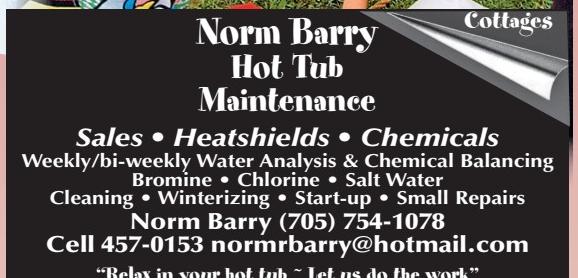


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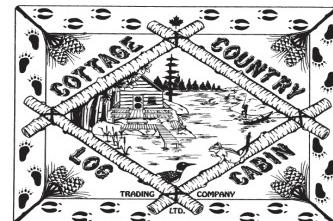
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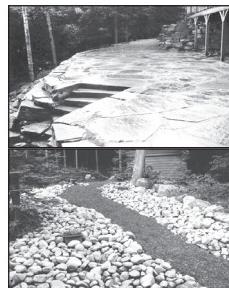
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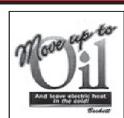
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# Kindergarten 'clap out' brings sweet melodies

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

This year's annual Stuart Baker Elementary School kindergarten clap out held on June 24 included cardboard graduation hats, upbeat melodies and a number of flashing cameras.

The assembly celebrates the students' transition from senior kindergarten to Grade 1, a big step in any child's life.

The year's event included 66 senior kindergarten students and 52 junior kindergarten students, who are also moving up in the world of education.

The assembly began with a the traditional parade of students entering the gymnasium as the classic graduation march played in the background.

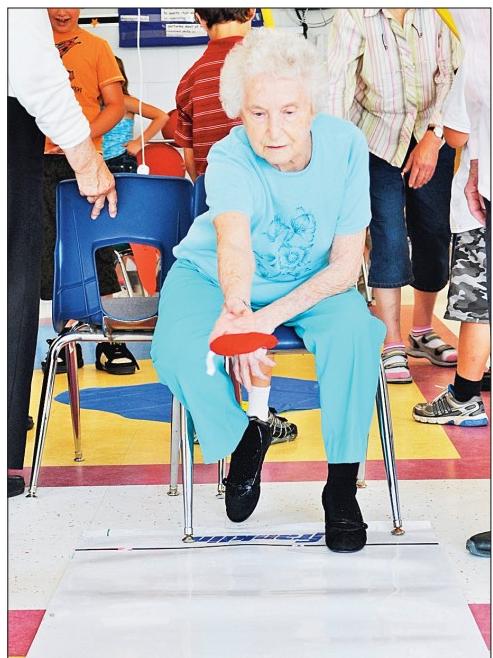
Following a performance by the students that included many songs, SBES principal France Meunier shook hands with each student individually.

To conclude the festivities the kindergarten students used their singing voices once again to perform the *Graduation Song*, which included the appropriate lyrics "Hooray hooray, it's graduation day, we're here to say we made it all the way."



**Angelica Blenich** Echo staff

Senior kindergarten students at Stuart Baker Elementary School belt out their best singing voice at the annual clap-out graduation event held on June 24. The assembly congratulates the senior students for making it through kindergarten.



Merle Codlin tries her hand at shuffle board at the annual senior olympics on June 21.



Jamie, left, gives Keith Kennedy a high five after completing a great bowling shot at SBES June 21.

## Olympic spirit continues at Stuart Baker

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

The winter games may have come and gone but the spirit of sportsmanship continued at Stuart Baker Elementary School during the annual senior Olympics held on June 21. Students in the Grade 2 and 3 French immersion classes hosted a number of visitors from Extendicare,

showing them both their skills and their teamwork capabilities.

Mme. Marie Zahab organized the event, now in its 10th year. The fun included various games organized by the school such as bowling, mini putt, croquet, shuffleboard and fishing. Following the activities the team from Extendicare provided lunch for the group and the children helped by serving the seniors. Extendicare volunteer Mary Turner believes the event is about

more than just fun and games.

"It's wonderful to see how the seniors interact with the kids," said Turner, "and vice versa." Turner, who has been involved with the event before, said one year she watched a child develop such a close relationship with one of the seniors that by the end he did not want to see his new friend leave. "The poor little boy was crying when it was time for the seniors to leave," said Turner. "That's how close they get."

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# How lakes got their names (part two)

Column by Chad Ingram

**H**aliburton County is home to hundreds of lakes. Forming in various shapes and sizes, some are little more than large ponds, while others cover hundreds of acres.

They are a defining part of the area's landscape and one of the main reasons people have been flocking here for generations. Each of these lakes of course has its own unique name, but where do these names come from?

This summer, the *Cottage Times* will be examining the history of some of the lake names in the county.

In this edition, are the histories of some lakes, mostly in the area of what is now Algonquin Highlands township, based on a 1998 paper by Trent University student Elinor Whidden entitled *Discovering the History of Haliburton Through Its Lake Names*.

If you know, or think you know, the history of a county lake name and want to share it with the *Cottage Times*, please send it to cigram@mindentimes.ca.

## Boshkung Lake

One of many lakes in the township with aboriginal

names, "Boshkung" is loosely translated as "three waters" or "meeting of the waters." Apparently the narrows between what is now referred to as Little Boshkung and Big Boshkung was a popular spot for growing pumpkins, squash and corn.

## Halls Lake

It is believed that some time in the 19th century, a trapper with the surname of Halls got into a squabble with a local tribe and was killed near the shores of the lake.

## Kabawka Lake

Quite simply, "kabawka" translates to "shallow."

## Kushog Lake

"Kushog" translates to "long and narrow water."

## Lake of Bays

Lake of Bays was given its name by surveyor Alexander Murray in 1853. Before his, the lake was referred as Trading Lake, which was believed to be the English translation of an aboriginal word.

## Little Hawk Lake

Sparrow hawks have traditionally nested around this body of water.

## Livingstone Lake

It is presumed this lake was named for explorer and missionary Rev. David Livingstone.

## Maple Lake

Maple Lake gets its name from the many maple trees that grew in the area. The word "maple" itself is believed to have Ojibwe origins.

## Oxtongue Lake

Like Lake of Bays, Oxtongue Lake was given its name in an 1853 survey by Alexander Murray. It was given the name because of its shape, which resembles an ox's tongue.

## Sherborne Lake

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Send your answer to the *Echo*: editor@haliburtonecho.ca, fax it to 457-3275 or 146 Highland St., Haliburton.

We will pull a random name from amongst the correct answers at the end of the summer for the winner.

You can enter one answer per person per question. Please include your name and contact information along with the correct response for a chance to win. Answers must come in before the Monday following the *Cottage Times* print date.

Last week's trivia: How long do plastics and aluminum cans take to decompose? Answer: Plastics and aluminum cans take 500 years to break down, whereas organic materials only take six months! To try to use less of these materials, shop for products that use environmentally friendly pack-

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Eco trivia courtesy of Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, <http://www.ontariostewardship.org/councils/haliburton/>, The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations, [www.cohpoa.ca](http://www.cohpoa.ca), and Environment Haliburton, [www.environmenthaliburton.ca](http://www.environmenthaliburton.ca).

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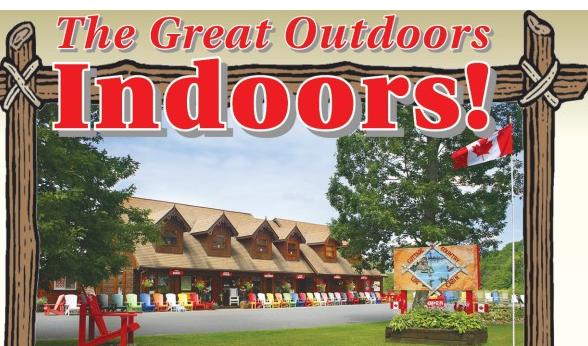


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# Meet Robin Simpson

**W**hen viewing Robin Simpson's array of knives at his booth at the Kinmount Farmers' Market, the words of the movie character Crocodile Dundee come easily to mind. The scene is a New York street, and the crocodile man and his girlfriend are being accosted by a knife-wielding punk. "That's not a knife," says Dundee, "this is a knife." At that point he pulls out a gargantuan blade that dwarfs the punk's four inch. The punk flees, and order is restored.

"That was a big Bowie knife," says Simpson with a chuckle, who goes on to explain, in almost loving detail, the essence of knives, knife making, leather work and tomahawks.

Simpson was born in the Beaches area of Toronto. After a seven-year apprenticeship that started when he was 16, Simpson worked as a sailmaker for Freedom Sailmakers Canada Ltd., an outfit that made sails for big yachts. "I left to become a hippie, and travel the world," he says, "but I came back during the wind surfer craze, and opened up my own company at Jackson's Point on Lake Simcoe. At our peak we had 40 employees, and we had branches in Hawaii, Germany and in Quebec. At one time we made all the wind surfing sails for Canada, plus high performance and custom sails for sail boards."

During his hippie stage Simpson owned a leather shop in Vancouver, where his sail making and stitching experience served him well. Later, back at Jackson's Point, he became involved in antiques; specifically Canadian furniture and folk art. Over time Simpson became a lover of Native art, and

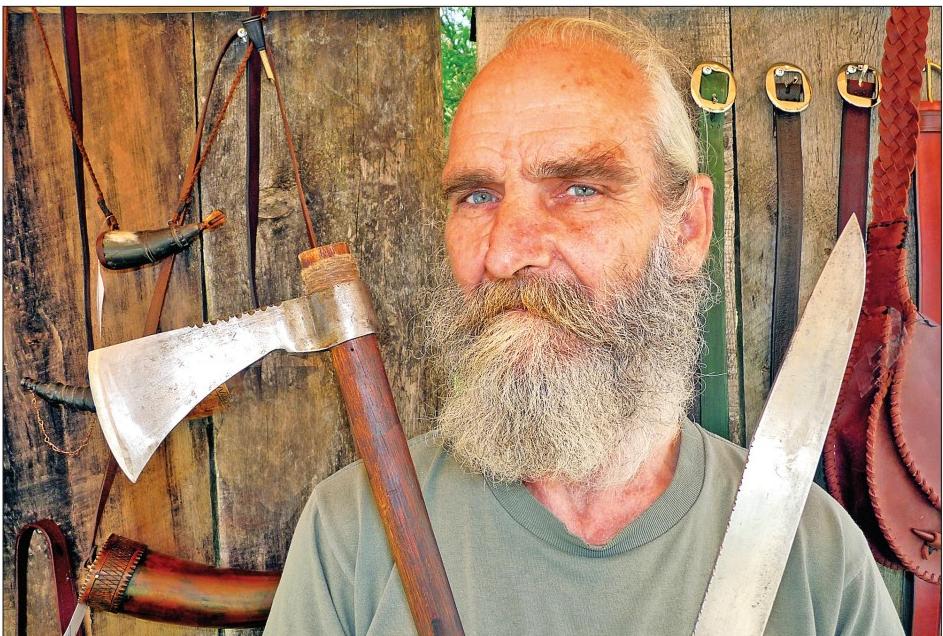
as well as making knives and sheathes, he's also an art appraiser who specializes in Native and Inuit Canadiana.

"I'm Metis," Simpson reveals. "My mother was Scottish, and my father Cree, so I guess I got my love of Native arts and crafts from them. About seven years ago I made a few bone-bladed ceremonial knives, and then started making knives in the old style, which are my take on 19th century knives, and earlier. These types of knives were traded to the Natives by settlers and by the Hudson Bay Company and the North West Company, in exchange for pelts and

food. They were then used for hunting, and skinning buffalo, deer and elk. On many occasions only the blades were traded, and the natives had to make their own handles." Many of Simpson's handles, like those made by people of indigenous nations, are made from bone, horn or curly maple, and are meticulously crafted.

Some of the knives that white settlers used for trade were made from old butcher knife blades, and today Simpson replicates those Native knives by using similar components. Some are made from old Glasgow steel blades, some from bandsaw blades and some are made from scratch. The scratch blades "are tempered, and cooled in dry sand for 24 hours," Simpson says, "and the edges are heat treated and quenched in oil."

In addition to the handmade knives and the beautifully designed and inlaid sheathes, Simpson also buys and sells antique pocket knives and deals in a variety of more modern pocket knives, whit-



Robin Simpson, knife maker and custom leather worker poses with his tools of his trade. Photo by George Farrell

tlers, friction folding knives, slip joint pocket knives, lock backs, fixed blade hunting knives, and miniature knives for mini collectors." One of Simpson's miniature knife blades is comprised of many layers of steel, which creates a swirl pattern in the metal. The tiny blade folds ingeniously and surreptitiously into the claw of a grizzly bear.

Simpson also makes artistic old-style leather bags and belts, which he dyes himself, black powder horns, guitar straps, and Native hand drums. Particularly appealing are the hand-forged tomahawks. "They're early-style fighting tomahawks," Simpson explains, "traditionally used by the plains tribes. I make them from scratch, and nowadays some people use them for target throwing."

Most of Simpson's handmade knives retail in the \$100 to \$300 range. But in the world of handmade knife enthusiasts that pales in comparison to what one Arabian sheikh paid. "He spent over \$1 million for a King Tut replica dagger, from an American maker," Simpson says, with awe.

As a child, Robin Simpson came to the Highlands to cottage with his parents, and he grew to love the area. Some time ago, while visiting a friend here he decided that this is where he wanted to live, so he sold his antiques business in Jackson's Point, and bought land in the Tory Hill area. He moved up permanently in 2000. He's a frequent exhibitor at the Kinmount Farmers' Market.

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# In search of Chupacabra

Column by Chad Ingram • Photos by Jenn Watt

**I**t was a typical Tuesday at the office and I was multitasking, watching both paint dry and grass grow.

Suddenly the door burst open.

Since my desk blocked my view of whoever had entered the room so hastily, I deduced it had to be my colleague Steve Galea.

Panting like a polar bear in Punta Cana, Galea came sprinting up to me, eyes wild.

"Chickens!" he yelled. "Chickens!"

Annoyed at being distracted from my important work, I told Galea to calm down and explain what the problem was.

He proceeded to tell me that the previous evening, something had stolen three of his wife's chickens.

Galea said he had seen something disappearing into the trees at the edge of their property and he was sure the culprit had been the chupacabra, the legendary reptilian man-beast who feeds on unsuspecting livestock throughout South America.

Galea reasoned the creature was probably in Canada to protest for increased reptilian man-beast rights at the Huntsville G8 summit.

"I declare revenge on the chupacabra!" he exclaimed, explaining that revenge would mean making the creature proof-read his columns for a year.

The torture of editing Galea's work had led former journalistic overlord of Haliburton County, one Parsimonious

Perkins, to flee the province indefinitely.

Of course, before the creature could be subjected to this hell, we had to track it down.

"We'll take the train," Galea said.

"What train?" I asked.

"The one that seems to make a lot of stops at the high school," he said.

On our way to catch the train, Galea thought he spotted the chicken thief.

"Chupacabra!" he yelled, pointing towards Head Lake Park.

"That's a golden retriever," I informed him.

"Chupacabra," he said, turning towards a green mass speeding down Highland Street.

"That's a Ford," I said.

"Chupacabra," he exclaimed again, eyes to the sidewalk.

"That's your foot, Galea," I told him.

Boarding the train was no problem as there was no line and, come to think of it, no tickets were required either.

While we were waiting for the train to get going, we were approached by a group of slithery serpents.

"Chupacabra?" Galea questioned.

"I believe those are snakes," I told him, becoming a wee bit squeamish.

Snakes.

On a train.

"Let's get out of here," Galea said. "I've had enough of these mother\*&\*#ing snakes on this mother\*&\*#ing train."

Fleeing from the train was quite easy, since it seemed like the thing was hardly



Reporter Chad Ingram helps Steve Galea find the creatures responsible for eating Galea's wife's chickens.

moving at all.

As we ran though, I remembered something Sheila Ziman, chair of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, had recently told me.

"Haliburton County is incredibly rich in its diversity and we want to protect it and we want to learn more about it," she'd said.

I also recalled that biologist Paul Heaven had told me snakes were nothing to be feared and that three of the

county's snake species – the milk snake, eastern hog-nose and eastern ribbon snake – were actually on the province's list of at-risk species and that anyone who spotted any of these animals could contact him at 286-3181 or pheaven@glenside-eco.ca.

So Galea and I stopped running, and we discovered that the snakes weren't out to suck our blood or strangle us or

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## Have they found the thief?

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devour us whole, as we had feared.

They meant us no harm at all. They were really quite docile, in fact. Almost as if they were made of rubber.

Bidding farewell to our limbless friends and continuing our search for the chupacabra who had so cruelly stolen Galea's wife's chickens, we came next upon a most unfortunate sight.

It seemed some careless motorist had backed over a turtle, flattening the thing.

"Chupacabra?" Galea asked.

"You know, Galea," I said, "if this wacky adventure we're on was a column, if it was just the lame brain-fruit of some deliriously tired writer, the joke would be getting pretty old by now. That is a turtle, and one that has had an unfortunate bout with a vehicle."

Galea surveyed the gruesome scene again.

"Oh God, oh God, not again!" he screamed, before coiling up in a fetal position on the road. "Shelly, no! Shelly!"



Ingram tries to save the life of a squashed turtle by performing CPR.

After discovering that snakes aren't at all terrifying, they make friends with them.

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# Maybelle's cure for sleep depper-vacation

**S**eems everyone I know is having trouble sleeping. Up three times during the night to do their business, or to count sheep that turn into cows, don'tcha know.

Why Twindle Mumbly is so sleep deprived he keeps bumping into things and saying, I'm sorry. Doesn't matter what it is ... a wall, a tree, salad fixings. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

Even poor Bogart is up howling at the moon. And he's a bear!

But I feel good about what my friends here at Lake WhaddyathinkImean are doing about it.

Vilma Yucch has taken to eating bananas at night for the potassium to keep her legs from jumpin'.

Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom invented a gizmo that hooks up to yer hair follicals, don'tcha know. He tried

it out on Beanpole Starkman and now poor 'ol Beanpole's got baby fur for hair. Fried it right off.

The good news is, Beanpole's so busy putting fur-tilizer on his scalp and fretting about it that he forgets he can't sleep. Now he sleeps like a baby.

My dear friend, Sybil Beaucannon Hughes got sleep depper-vacation 'cause of Neville snoring so loud. Why even his lips flapped, don'tcha know.

Well she tried everything, even making ol' Neville sleep in the nanny shack out back. But she couldn't sleep from missing him.

As for ol' Maybelle, I was starting to walk in Twindle's sleep-walking shoes 'til I remembered my late Auntie Fester's book, *Cure Stuff and Be Done With It*.

First thing it said: If yer not happy in the place yer sleeping, change it.

Sounded simple enough, so I experimented. I tried sleeping in the living room, in the wee den, and even in the bathtub. That's right. I plunked down a big piece of foam rubber, every comforter I own and made myself a nice cozy nest.

But do you think I could sleep?!

Then I read Auntie Fester's words again only this time between the lines. If yer not happy in the place yer sleeping, change it.

Now you may already know that Auntie F was big on Astro Illogical readings. Well, she was also big on going inside her own head and heart for the answers to just about everything.

So I got to thinking those words must mean more than the physical place I was setting my body to sleep at night ... it was about how I was feeling inside that needed changing.

Well if I didn't get out a piece of paper, cut it into thin strips, and write down on each strip what I was holding hostage in my mind. #1. I hope my dentures stay put at Sybil's social tomor-

row. #2. Whose big idea was HST?! #3. Get the roof fixed.

Well, by the time I wrote down all my worries on those strips of paper, I had a good 15 of 'em.

So I curled 'em into little balls, put 'em in a shoe box, duck taped the sides down real good, and put it in a closet on t'other side of my cottage. And guess what? That night I slept like a baby. And I still do.

Now those little things that go bump in the night are bumping into each other ... away from me.

Auntie Fester was right. Astro illogical readings may tell you how the stars kin influence what happens ... but how you sleep at night is an inside job.

Til next time when I tell you what's coming outta my closet ... sweet dreaming.

*Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. You can hear Fireside Stories on 100.9 Canoe FM or at Maybelle's blog at: firesidestories.com.*

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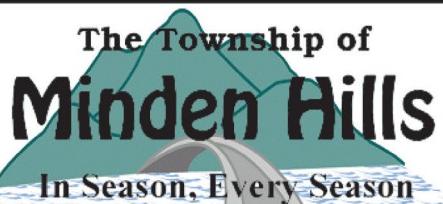
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11:00 Fishing Derby closes, Crazy River Raft Race registration Rotary Park, (sponsored/assisted by the Gull Lake Cottagers' Association, Henwoods Variety, Bill and Linda Chadwick)  
11:30 Canada Day Opening Ceremonies: Minden Marching Band & Highland Silver Flutes, Colour Party, Opening remarks from MP Barry Devolin, Reeve McMahon and cutting of the Canada Day Cake.  
12:30 Crazy River Raft Race starts at Rotary Park, finish line at the bridge in town  
OPP watercraft on river with assistance from the Minden Amateur Radio Club  
Rubber Duck Race - Gull River - Minden Lionesses  
1:30 Shintano Wado Kai Karate demonstrations at main stage area  
2:00 Kendall Partington outdoor concert, Wild Swan B&B. Bring your lawn chair. Pay what you can.  
4:00 MOOSE-FM Live on Location at the Minden Fairgrounds. Beach volleyball competitions, \$20 per team entry. Cash prizes.  
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July 2	1 pm – 5 pm	Farmers Market	That Place in Carnarvon
July 4	9 am	Beat Beethoven	Cultural Centre
July 6 & 8	7 pm	Minden Ghost Walks	Cultural Centre
		Make It Minden Tuesday Night in Minden	
July 6	6pm-Dusk	Sponsored by Minden Rivercone & Minden Lions Club	
July 9	1 pm – 5 pm	Farmers Market	That Place in Carnarvon
July 10		Michael Pickett Blues Concert	Wintergreen
July 12	2:30-6:30pm	Blood Donor Clinic	Minden Community Centre
July 13		Make It Minden Tuesday Night, Minden Fire Department will display trucks & Equipment	Municipal Parking Lot
July 13 & 15	7 pm	Minden Ghost Walks	Cultural Centre
July 16	5-7pm	Lions Spaghetti Dinner	Lions Hall
July 16	1 pm – 5 pm	Farmers Market	That Place in Carnarvon
July 20 & 22	7 pm	Minden Ghost Walks	Cultural Centre
July 20	6pm-Dusk	Make It Minden Tuesday Night, Minden Community Church street dance	
July 22 & 29	7 pm	Minden Ghost Walks	Cultural Centre
July 23	1 pm – 5 pm	Farmers Market	That Place in Carnarvon
July 27 & 28		Tuesday-Rides only-starting a 5pm Wednesday-Rotary Games-ReMax Hot Air Balloon Rides-Carnival Rides	
		Rotary Summer Festival Municipal Parking Lot Minden	
July 28		Canadian Landscape Juried Exhibition	Gallery
July 30		Highland Yard	Downtown Minden
July 30	1 pm – 5 pm	Farmers Market	That Place in Carnarvon
July 31	9am-12pm	Lions Toll Booth at Bridge	Downtown Minden



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Friends helped Molly Ferguson plant wildflowers atop the roof of her cordwood cottage on Little Glamour Lake on June 19.

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# Raising the environmental roof

Column and photos by Chad Ingram

Last Saturday, Molly Ferguson invited some friends to her cottage to plant wildflowers. On her roof.

Tucked away in the bush outside of Gooderham, Ferguson's Little Glamour Lake cottage is an oval-shaped cordwood structure with a roof that is, well, a garden.

"It was a sod roof before," Ferguson said, but explained that the weeds had gotten to be a couple of metres tall and since she is looking to sell the place,

thought wildflowers might be nicer.

The roof is constructed of a membrane of "hot tar and some kind of plastic," that allows it to hold vegetation without leaking or damaging the building, Ferguson said.

Ferguson and her husband, who lived their lives in Toronto, bought 450 acres on Little Glamour Lake in the 1960s.

They had 200 logs with which to construct their cottage and while Ferguson

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# It looks like a stone wall

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said the couple had envisioned a more traditional structure, once an architect friend showed them his drawings for the unusual home, they were in.

Cordwood construction means making walls from slices of log and mortar.

"From the road, you think it's stone," Ferguson said.

And you do.

The home has been featured in a cover story in *Cottage Life* magazine as well as Canadian architect publications, copies of which Ferguson has on her coffee table.

She and her husband went on to subdivide some 36 lots from their 450 acres, but Ferguson said they would always make buyers sign covenants promising to put buildings and septic tanks a good distance from the lake, even before such setbacks were common.

"We were always environment-minded," she said.

While describing herself as "old," Ferguson had no problem getting up and down a ladder to help her neighbours with the rooftop planting.

"I'm just grateful for the help," she said.



Molly Ferguson's cottage consists of cordwood construction, which combines slices of log with mortar.

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Molly Ferguson surveys the freshly planted wildflowers on the roof of her cordwood cottage.

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## Beginner Pony Camp

Beginner Pony Camp is for young children, aged six to 12 years old. This camp introduces your child to the world of horses. Young riders will learn how to do everything from catching and leading their equine friend to tacking up and riding. What a great way to spend the day!

Beginner Pony Camp runs on the following dates:  
 Tuesday, July 13 to Thursday, July 15: 1-4 p.m.  
 Tuesday, July 27 to Thursday, July 29: 1-4 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Aug. 10 to Thursday, Aug. 12: 1-4 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Aug. 17 to Thursday, Aug. 19: 1-4 p.m.  
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 Space is limited to a maximum of four students per camp. Cost is \$160.

## Time in the Saddle Camp

Children over 10 years of age will really enjoy this camp. Each day starts with lessons in the ring and ends with a trail ride. Young riders will care for the horses they partner with. This camp is for young experienced riders who have the ability to walk and trot independently. Come enjoy the great outdoors with their equine friends!



Time in the Saddle Camp runs on the following dates:

Tuesday, July 6 to Thursday, July 8: 1-4 p.m.  
 Tuesday, July 20 to Thursday, July 22: 1-4 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Aug. 4 to Friday, Aug. 6: 1-4 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Aug. 31 to Thursday, Sept. 2: 1-4 p.m.  
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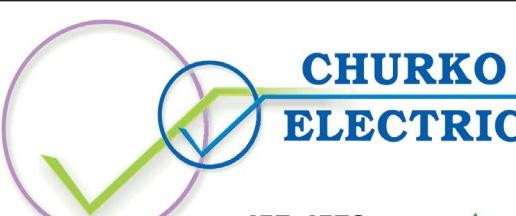
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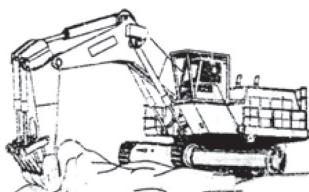
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# Doll maker brings whimsical designs to Fleming

Column by Jenn Watt

For 15 years, Kate Church has been making intricate, delicate dolls out of her Nova Scotia studio.

Sometimes they're dancing, sometimes they're replaying, sometimes they're dressed up in little bee costumes and just sitting around, but all of her figures have the same sense that they're just about to do something – just about to come alive.

"They're kind of suspended in a moment in time and they could take another step. There is an animation about what I do," said Church in an interview.

Starting July 5, Church will be teaching a weeklong course on doll-making at Fleming's Haliburton School of the Arts, where she'll be transferring her knowledge to a group of eager students.

"We're going to do a learning doll, initially. Everyone gets put through the steps: here's my process, here's an eye, here's a mouth," she said.

"You're not teaching a required course, so ... [students] are always excited, interested – sponges, really."

Church grew up in Thornhill, Ont., and went to the Rhode Island School of Design for a bachelor of fine arts.

"I was a textile design student in art school many, many years ago and I followed that into doing painted cloth, costume design, clothing design and ended up working in a children's theatre company doing the textile stuff for them, costumes and sets and stuff," she said.

"While I worked there I dressed all the

puppets and became quite enamoured with puppetry and the art form of the puppet. So, that sort of led me to make one of my own little characters."

"That was the beginning right then and there. I was fascinated and involved in this process of making these dolls and I've never stopped making them," she said.

Church adored the east coast, and when on a trip to Nova Scotia, fell in love with the place and has lived there for the past 30 years.

She's excited to come to Fleming after hearing so much about it from friends.

"I've heard of the school, I know people who have taught there, people have always said you should go or teach," she said.

The doll-making workshop should yield at least two figures for each student, since there is time not only to learn the basics, but to take the skills and develop the character of the doll.

Church's dolls each have a unique quality, like individual people, that seem to have real thoughts going on behind their polymer clay faces.

"I've always fallen back into something that is light, but quite powerful. [The art is] done on an emotional level," she said.

To see Church's work, go to [www.katechurch.com](http://www.katechurch.com). To find out more about Fleming College's summer courses, go to [www.haliburtonschoolofthearts.ca](http://www.haliburtonschoolofthearts.ca) or call 1-866-353-6464 or 705-457-1680.



Doll maker Kate Church will be teaching weeklong course this summer.

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# Harcourt hosts first Canada Day festivities

Column by Darren Lum

Harcourt is painting the town red in celebration of Canada's dominion for the first time this year.

On July 1, Harcourt will come alive with a carnival atmosphere to usher in the 144th birthday for Canada. The event will be hosted at the ball diamond, the Harcourt Community Centre and the South Algonquin Cookhouse.

This event is scheduled to start with a pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., pony rides, live entertainment, close to 50 classic cars, a horseshoe tournament, a variety of artisans (native mask maker, chainsaw sculptor, jewelers, a horse drawn wagon ride, a variety of vendor booths, barbecue ribs, a dunk tank and a fireworks show to end the event at dusk.

Co-organizer Cheryl Bolger lived in Ottawa the past several years and wanted to bring the same atmosphere of celebration she experienced on Canada Day to Harcourt.

"There is just not enough celebration [in general]. It's a great excuse for a huge family day celebration," she said.

"When we were in Ottawa we would go and see the big park celebrations. You'd have a band up there [on stage]. The kids would just be dancing up on the grass and playing."

Bolger and co-organizer Tammy Donaldson, including local residents and area businesses have been working hard to keep the event free of charge.

The confirmed entertainment that starts at 4 p.m. is a cover band from Bancroft called Powder Keg, who will perform songs by the Creedence Clearwater Revival and the Eagles.

Haliburton County Warden Dave Burton is scheduled to be on the proverbial hot seat in the dunk tank and is excited for the opportunity.

Burton doesn't mind being the target and is supportive of the event since he is a longtime resident.

She has one stipulation for the fireworks before they are launched.

"We're going to make everybody sing O Canada before we light the fireworks off," she said.

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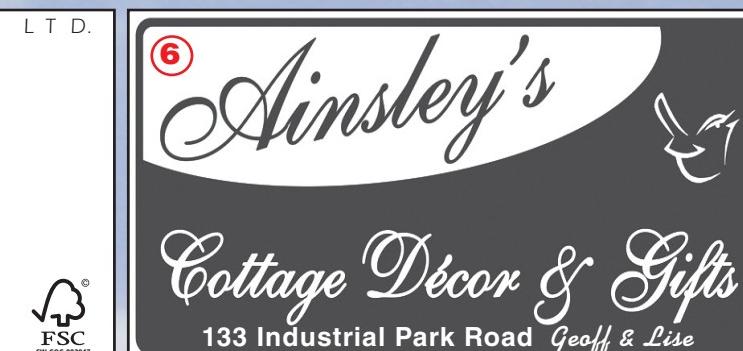
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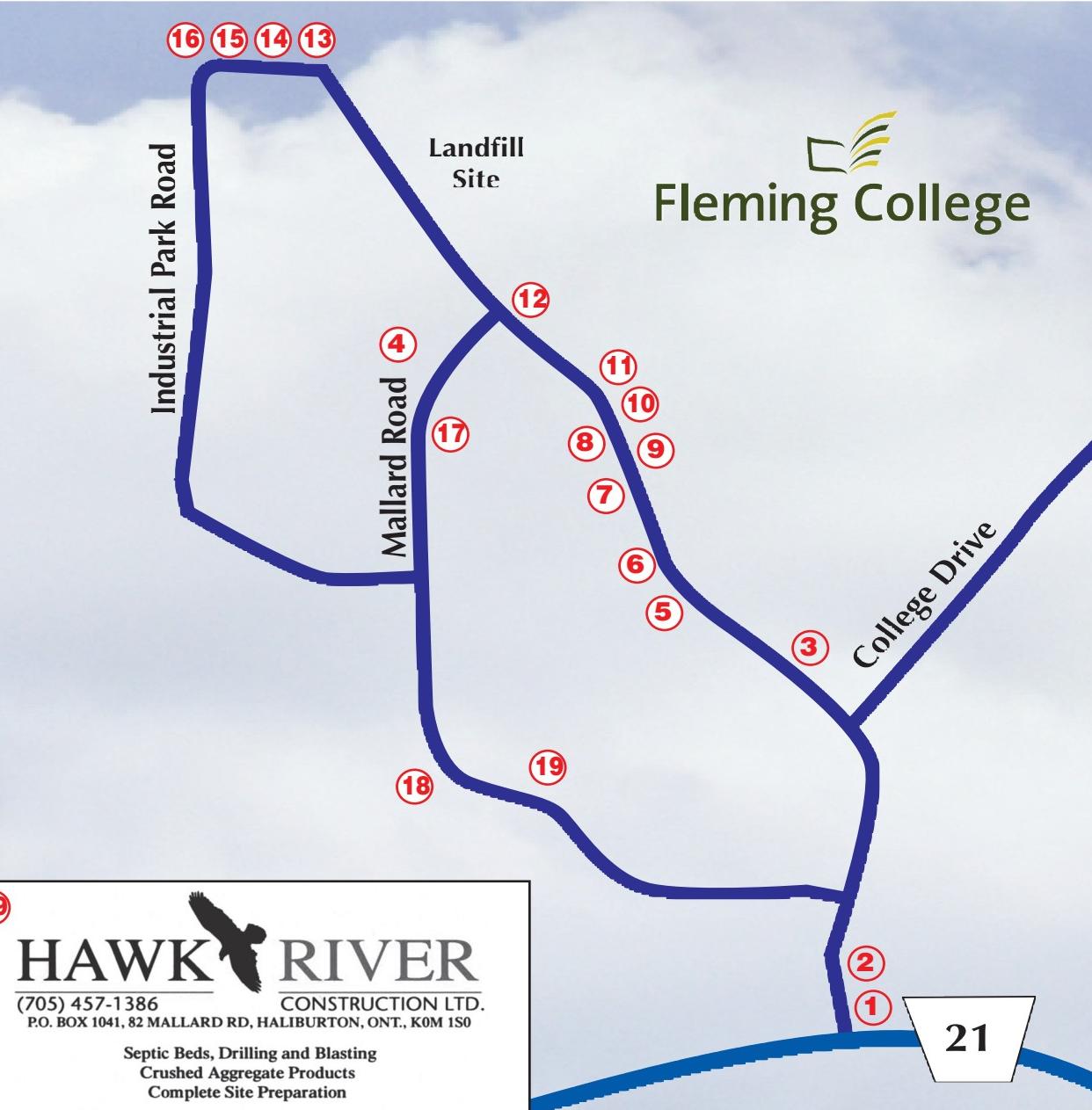
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# Have you seen the Highland Wheeler?

by Darren Lum

**F**or the last 100 years there have been numerous sightings of a mysterious figure on a bicycle known as the Highland Wheeler.

Some say they've seen him while others are not so sure.

The Highland Wheeler has been documented in a series of documentary videos led by Jack Brezina, who was the narrator and documentary maker.

These videos will explore the recent OPP forensic findings explaining the history surrounding the Highland Wheeler through interviews.

"They've seen something and what it is I'm not sure," Brezina said. "However they believe it and the audience will just have to judge for themselves when they see the documentary series."

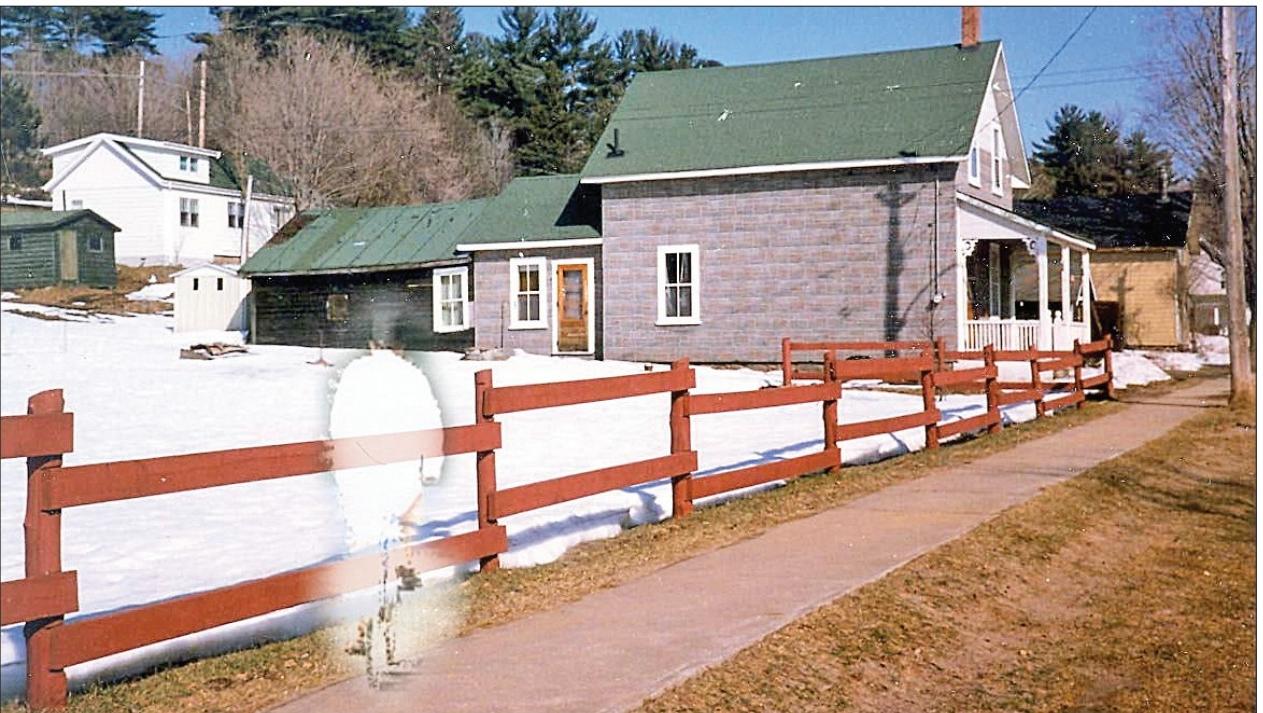
The documentary is a joint effort between the Haliburton County tourism department and the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition with funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, Haliburton County Tourism and the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition.

The aim of this series is to not only understand the Highland Wheeler, but to promote the area as a destination for great cycling for all skill Sue Shikaze of the coalition said.

"With each episode it's about the Highland Wheeler, but there is also a message about cycling, about Haliburton County so it's meant to be a creative and fun way to promote the county as a cycling destination," Shikaze said.

Amy Brohm of Haliburton County tourism department believes this series will also benefit families, including avid and new cyclists.

"Cycling is a great thing to promote because it's something that anybody can do and we do have a great area for cycling. Some people are worried about [riding] on the big highways, but when you get on the back



A new documentary video series about the Highland Wheeler is available on YouTube and has been a topic of debate for the past 100 years. /Photo courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum, Highland Wheeler Collection.

roads it's great for cycling. They're quieter and you can find routes for families," she said, adding that the county has more challenging routes, including trails for trail riding.

The video project idea came from another documentary series posted on YouTube about the Weavers of Pennsylvania, who are an elite group of cyclists exclusive to that state. Shikaze and Brohm saw the docu-

mentary at a cycling conference held earlier in the year in Toronto.

The video and production work was completed by the Highland Media Arts.

The first few episodes of an undetermined number of episodes were launched to a public audience at the Rails End Gallery on Saturday, June 26. Expect to find the videos on YouTube.

Copies of the video will be available at the Haliburton County office for those without Internet access.

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# The future of our wetlands

## *Do we even know?*

In the County of Haliburton, the greatest threat to wetlands and their natural functions and features has been, and will continue to be impacts related to development.

As one travels through the county of Haliburton, it is fairly obvious that developmental pressure has increased. Properties continue to be severed and new houses are constructed.

Along the lakeshores retirees are constructing permanent residents where once were seasonal cottages or vacant lots.

As available lakeshore property fronting optimal swimming and boating conditions becomes scarcer the pressure shifts into quieter bays and smaller lakes typically dominated by marshes filled with lily pads and pondweeds. Similarly away from the lakes, fill is pushed into the edges of treed swamps to create grassy backyards.

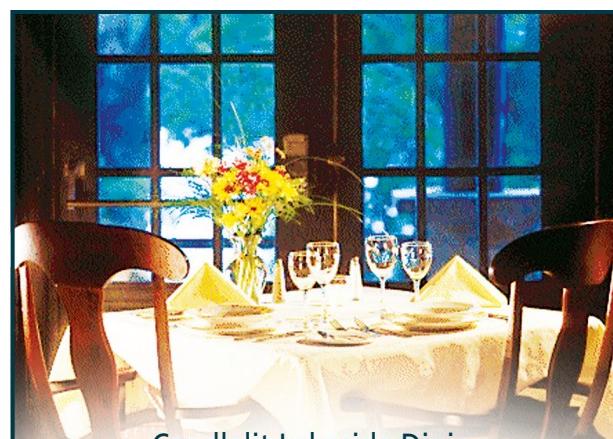
New roads and clearcutting to accommodate the development, pass in close proximity to even more wetlands, thereby providing an opportunity for invasive species, such as purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) and reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), to make their move into our pristine wetlands.

Does it really matter if a few small wetlands here and there are filled in and we pass a little too closely to a couple more?

In order to answer these questions we really need to look at the larger picture and examine whether the provincial or municipal strategy can account for such losses ... assuming there is a strategy.

Let's look at what has happened over the last few decades. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, once proactive in the protection and conservation of our natural heritage, was crippled in the 1990s by a lack of resources, and many of their responsibilities were passed down to the municipalities.

In 1997, the Haliburton County strategic plan and vision were developed clearly stating that a sustainable natural environment was a priority.



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The biggest threat to Haliburton's wetlands is development. /Photo by Jenn Watt

The Ontario government directed municipalities to ensure that there would be no negative impacts to any provincially significant wetlands from any development. Unfortunately at that time there were only three identified provincially significant wetlands in the County of Haliburton and no provincial policy protecting the remaining tens of thousands.

In 2003, the county of Haliburton adopted an official plan that stated that locally significant wetlands would be identified by local official plans and protected against

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# One of the biggest challenges is locating the wetlands

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incompatible uses.

All local official plans now identify other potentially significant wetlands and provide some protection by prohibiting development within the wetland unless it can be demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts.

One of the biggest challenges facing municipalities is locating the wetlands. Although some wetland mapping exists – and has been improved on significantly over the last few years – the available wetland mapping is still incomprehensive.

Therefore site evaluations are the only way to determine for certain the presence and boundaries of a wetland. Unfortunately, many development and severance applications are still approved without a site evaluation.

In 2005, the provincial government revised their protection to provincially significant wetlands found within our area by stating that no development is allowed within the wetland.

Three more wetlands were evaluated within the county of Haliburton and designated provincially significant.

In 2010, the County of Haliburton made amendments to the Official Plan prohibiting development within any identified wetland unless it can be demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts.

So the trends of the past indicate the threats to our wetlands are steadily increasing and the policies protecting our wetlands are becoming more solid.

Of course the big question is: which is in the lead? Are we being reactive, that is responding to the immediate and obvious threats, or are we being proactive and planning for an environmentally healthy future?

The county of Haliburton does not have a natural heritage plan – identifying core habitats and linking these habitats to ensure sustainability – and therefore I believe we are being reactive. Granted, the challenges facing the municipalities over the last couple of decades have been astronomical and we have come a long way in regard to

our environment, however being reactive is not enough.

Focusing just on the biology of wetlands, many species use both wetlands and uplands and the core upland habitat for frogs, salamanders and turtles ranges from 130 to 290 metres from the wetland.

Land-use within 400 m of the wetland edge can affect the biodiversity of the wetland. It is not reasonable to assume we can protect 400 m around every wetland, or no development would be allowed within the county. However, we do need to ensure this habitat is available somewhere in the county and in sufficient amounts to sustain our wildlife populations. And what about the hydrological functions of wetlands?

The pressures will only increase and without a natural

heritage plan, our ecological landscape will continuously become more fragmented. Wetlands will be compromised without comprehension of the cumulative impact at the municipal or provincial scale. The municipalities must develop a big picture approach or the wetland treasures of the county will be lost, one by one.

*Submitted by Paul C. Heaven*

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Actor Matt Selby, who portrays Elliot Garfield, dips his love interest Myrna McBrien, who portrays Paula McFadden, during a dress rehearsal for the Highlands Summer Festival play the Goodbye Girl scheduled to open July 5. More information can be found at [www.hIGHLANDSSUMMERFESTIVAL.ON.CA](http://www.hIGHLANDSSUMMERFESTIVAL.ON.CA)

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In a life-threatening emergency, call your local police

or 911. For more information: [ontario.ca/bearwise](http://ontario.ca/bearwise)

## Know before you go

- You are responsible for your own safety. Plan your trip with safety in mind. Before you go, learn about black bears; signs of bear activity (like tracks and scat), and how to prevent and handle encounters with bears.

- If you are bringing children, always keep an eye on

them. When hiking, it is wise to keep children between adults.

- Before you leave home, discuss bears with children. Teach children simple things like making sure they can always see an adult; to never approach a bear or other animals; to never run from a bear and if they see a bear to stay calm and call for help.

- If you plan on bringing a dog, verify whether there are any rules that prohibit dogs or require them to be on a leash.

- All food odours can attract bears. Pack all food, including dog food, with special care. Double or triple bag food to reduce smells. Consider choosing meals that require minimal preparation.

- Think about how you will handle your garbage, and how you will keep your campsite clean and odour free.

- Pack a couple of long ropes for hanging your food pack. Practise hanging a pack before you go.

- Think about bringing a whistle, air horn, long-handled axe or bear spray. If you bring bear spray, know how to use it.

- The Ministry of Natural Resources or Ontario Parks can provide general information about recent campsite or route closures due to bear problems. Keep in mind, however, that bear activity cannot be predicted.

## At your campsite:

- If you are going to an Ontario Park or a private campground, follow advice provided by their staff.

- No matter where you camp, always pack out all garbage from the backcountry and use bear-resistant containers where available.

- Do everything you can to eliminate or reduce odours from yourself, your camp, your clothes and your vehicle.

- Never feed or approach a bear.
- Clean fish away from your campsite.
- Store leftover food away from your campsite in sealed plastic bags and, if possible, in bear resistant containers.

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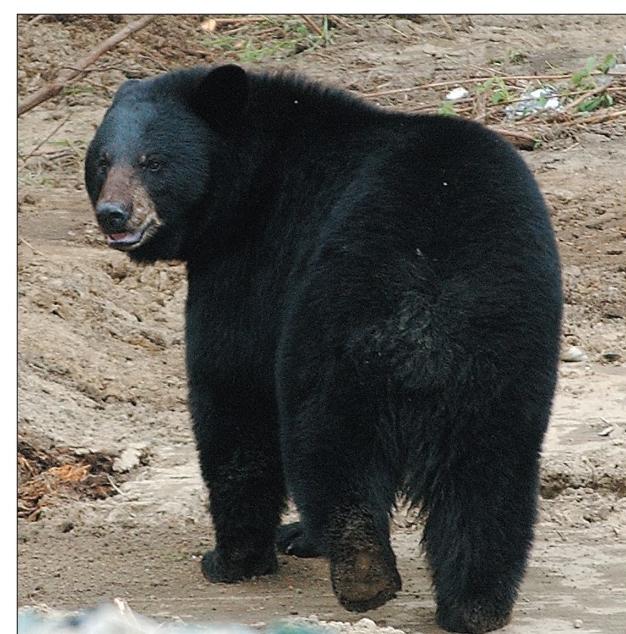
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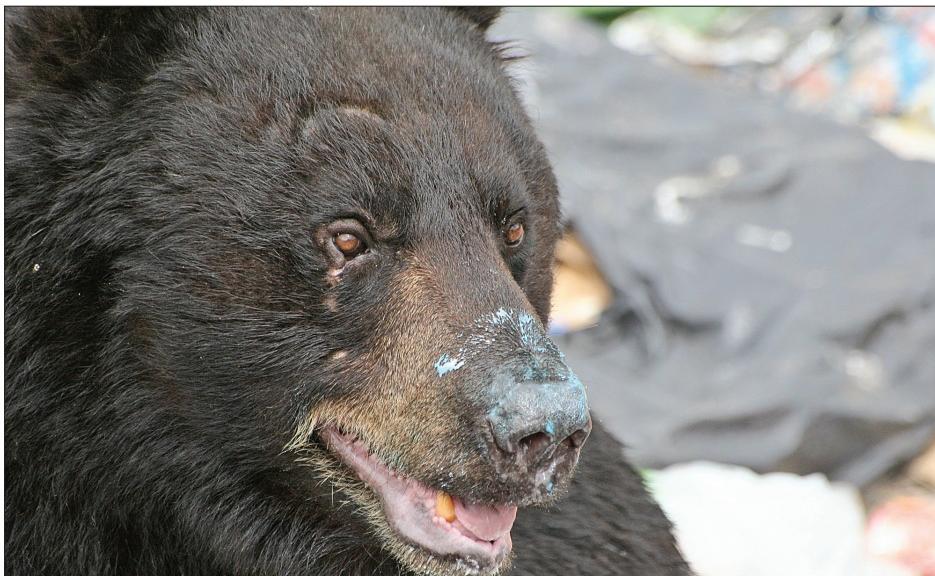
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Bears have a keen sense of smell and are attracted by the odour of human food and garbage. Protect yourself from bears by being bear wise./File photo



## Keep campsite odour-free

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- Burn food scraps and fat drippings thoroughly in a fire. Drain dish water away from your camp site.

- Never cook, eat or store any food (including snacks), cooking equipment or toiletries in your tent.

- If you are sleeping in a tent, try not to sleep in clothes you have worn while cooking.

- Store food so bears cannot reach it – in the trunk of your car or hanging at least four metres (13 feet) above the ground and three metres (10 feet) from tree limbs or trunks that can support a bear. Fishing tackle, clothes worn when cooking, garbage, toiletries and all snacks should also be hung. If you

cannot hang your pack, put it in a boat anchored offshore.

- Look for signs of bear activity nearby. Consider moving elsewhere if it appears a black bear has been active in the area.

- If you plan to camp in remote areas you should take additional precautions to ensure your personal safety.

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For more information on avoiding encounters, see our fact sheets: "How to avoid encounters with black bears while enjoying the outdoors" and "What to do if you encounter a black bear while enjoying the outdoors."

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Jocelyn and Haley, of team 7, try to throw a ball from an opposing team off the parachute in one of the events in the Cardiff Elementary School fun day on June 21. It was one of the culminating events of the final week of class.

## Last week of school is the best

Cardiff Elementary School celebrated the last week of school by letting its students loose on the property to take part in its annual fun day, on June 21. Organizers divided the student body into seven teams. They participated in a beach ball relay, a ribbon sticks race, an obstacle course, parachute with balls, a three-legged race, and a bean bag toss (that Autumn demonstrates, above). The team with the most points at the end of the event got ribbons and bragging rights. The school wraps up its academic year on June 28 with its graduation ceremony at the community hall.

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# Common cause

*Walking Softly • Column and photo by Steve Galea*

**T**hese days, there seems to be an awful lot of dissension among those who enjoy the outdoors. The value of hunting and fishing is often questioned; but then so too is the rationale behind pure, non-consumptive use. Then, there is the ongoing motorized versus non-motorized debate as well as the occasional bit of sniping between full-time residents and cottagers. And so it goes – for every issue there are at least two, often wildly divergent, sides. The outdoors has become politicized and polarized.

I've always believed this to be a great mistake and a waste of energy for everyone involved. After all, at the root of all this, at the issue's very core, is the fact that most of us chose to live or visit this place because of the outdoors. We might have different perspectives regarding use, but we all have essentially the same goal – to immerse ourselves in a healthy, natural and prosperous ecosystem.

No thoughtful person from any of those groups would wish intentional harm to this area's natural beauty – the last thing a hunter or angler wants, for instance, is a crash in any native fish or animal population. Just as no true hiker wants a manicured trail where flora and fauna are nowhere in sight. In fact, for the most part, everyone who is truly committed to the outdoors puts money, time, or effort into preserving or protecting it in ways they view as important. Each of us cherishes the land-



Every one of us can and should do their own part to make the Highlands the best it can be. Erect a nesting box for birds or simply pick up the garbage you see on the ground.

scape and diversity around us. We are all hoping to do the right thing.

But what is the right thing? Some would say that in order to preserve what we have, we must leave the smallest footprint, essentially protecting or even closing off areas from at least some of humankind's influence. Others would argue that we should improve

access into remote places so we can appreciate them more. Their attitude is "Why should I care about a place I will never have a chance to see or experience?" And that's valid too. Obviously, we're dealing with complex issues. Please one group, you probably offend another.

Fortunately, there are simple things we can all agree on. These things are the common ground on which we can build. Picking up after yourself, or even others, on the trail or at the boat launch is one example. Lending a hand in local conservation initiatives is another. This could mean donating money to a worthy organization that's doing good habitat work. It might also mean putting up wood duck, bluebird or mallard nest boxes in the spring. It might simply consist of stopping (when it is safe) to move a turtle off of the road. Whether it is these things or the act of building kestrel house, bat boxes, or a host of other helpful wildlife projects, it really doesn't matter. Each of these initiatives shows a reverence and respect for the outdoors. Every one is a positive thing that anyone from any group can do and be proud of. They serve us, and more importantly, the wildlife around us very well.

When I see any one of these things, I truly appreciate it. I don't question motives; I don't look for fault. I'm simply inspired to do more of the same. And, hopefully, if I do something similar, others, even those who don't necessarily approve of my point of view, might also feel inspired.

How could they not? After all, these little efforts are towards a common cause. The politics and polarization are left on the wood shop floor.

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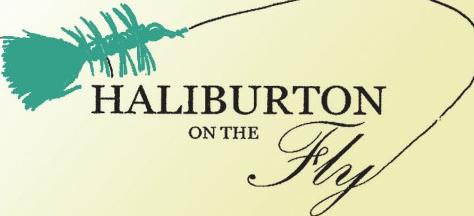


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# The mice in my life

Column by Jo-Ann Sloan

**T**here are three encounters in my life that I wish someone would erase from my memory forever. They are encounters with creatures that haunt me, my most un-favourite things about the cottage – mice.

My fear began back in my childhood years when summer vacations were spent at my grandparents' cottage on the Trent Canal water system near Beaverton, Ont. Our cottage days were filled with family gatherings and the most memorable times that will remain with me always.

One summer, my father decided to alter our plans and take us on a side trip to his hunting camp near Wilberforce.

At that time I was around 10 years of age and the road trip seemed like hours and hours of car travel. I remembered a stop by a side creek for a swim and never witnessed such pure clean water trickling along in the

stream.

What beautiful country, I thought.

The air smelled so fresh and when the sun shone it bounced off the rocks and sparkled in the water. How adventurous – we were going to an old hunting camp. The camp was so far off the main road it felt like we were miles from people, stuck in the vast bush land. We ventured into the rustic one-room cabin decorated with very little furniture and in fact, very little of anything. The musty smell did not seem too bad once we were able to pry open a couple of windows to let in the summer air. There was an old cast iron cookstove in the corner of the room with a few remains from the wood pile for use if the evening or morning brought any dampness into the cabin.

I looked around and spotted a couple of beds and the one that struck my eye was the homemade bunk bed with supporting legs made from very thick tree stumps. My father



Who would guess such tiny mice would evoke such a negative reaction?

said "That's where you're sleeping tonight – in the top bunk in your sleeping bag."

After a day of travel and wandering through the camp property listening to my father tell his tiring tales of shooting deer (almost), it was time to "hit the hay."

I crashed on the top bunk and crawled comfortably into my sleeping bag. I felt very safe from anything – so I thought.

My mind was settling into thoughts of our next day's adventure to possibly include another trip to the crystal clear creek.

Not long after I drifted off with my old beagle dog, Joe, who was lying next to me on the floor, curled up in his own world, I felt the sudden rustling of something very small moving over top of my sleeping bag. Maybe my imagination just grew, maybe I only sensed something, or maybe it was real. Oh yes, it had happened – it was a mouse and it ran right across the top of me which sparked frightful shivers that stirred through my entire body.

I screamed and frantically shook every limb of my body in a desperate attempt to send anything crawling on me into lift-off up in the air. A rodent was trying to invade my territory and interrupt my sleep – it was trying to kill me – it will eat me alive! From that day forward I developed one of my most intense fears.

Years had passed and I never went back to the camp and never seemed to be bothered by any small creatures of the night. At this point in my life, I now had two school-aged

children and it was my turn to venture into cottage country on summer vacations with them. I was fortunate enough to rent a very rustic cottage near Wilberforce one summer, on my own with my son and daughter. I was entering mouse territory again but it never really crossed my mind as the beautiful surroundings, the warm air and a lakefront hideaway were all overwhelming. It was like living a dream. The kids were so excited about spending time up north and we arrived safely at the cottage after having travelled on our final stretch through a rough and rugged road. Again, it felt like miles away from anyone.

We unpacked, settled in quickly and immediately headed for the dock. I was happy to sit back in a chair just to soak up sunshine, while the kids became engaged in their cannonball contest back and forth from water to dock and dock to water. It was soon time for lunch and I was able to rummage up the classic peanut butter and jam sandwich for each of us along with our favourite cold drinks. The day carried us through entirely with outdoor activities and before long it was time to head indoors into the kitchen for dinner preparation.

It was holiday time and we decided on simple dinner preparations during our vacation. I discovered the pots and pans cupboard that consisted of exactly one large pot and one small pot. Macaroni and cheese was on the menu for day one. Stress-free cooking was such a

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# Small animals evoke such large screams

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treat and anything simple was a vacation. As the water reached boiling temperature in the pot with the macaroni, it was soon time to add the cheese and I started to open up the package. Without any warning an unwanted guest arrived on the counter-top and scurried right along in front of me. The mice had arrived and they were coming for supper!

I do not remember much after that point except for my kids listening to the loudest of all screams coming from their mother as they watched in horror – mom standing on top of the kitchen table armed with a broom.

My appetite had completely disappeared and I do not even remember if the kids were fed. At this point I had no experience in setting traps and there was no one around to offer any express lessons on trapping these creatures.

Things settled down after a few hours and we were all tired from the day. The kids were lost in drawing pictures and reading while I sat with my feet up trying to remain calm as nightfall approached. I was on guard.

Before long, the attack came again.

There was not one but two, no, three, or was it four of them running all over the place – on top of counters – on top of the woodstove and on top of window ledges. “That’s it kids, we are not sleeping in this cottage tonight,” I said.

So off we ventured up the hill to the driveway and put all our sleeping gear in the back of my tiny hatchback car where we spent the first night of our vacation. The next morning we raced into town for a few supplies and I pleaded with the local grocer to tell me where I could borrow a cat for a few days. I am sure he thought I was some lunatic mother who was unable to control her mouse rage. I did not get a cat then, I did not get a trap and I did not sleep well the rest of the week’s vacation.

Years passed and I am now an owner along with my husband, of the cottage that we vacationed at long ago. Throughout my time as cottage owner, I was educated on the best mouse-trapping devices available to mankind. The warfarin, the electrical outlet method, the live trapping of mice, the peanut-butter in bucket of water with ramp method and the best of all – the simple mouse trap with bait of cheese or peanut butter.

During the final stages of our major cottage renovations, we had entered into another summer season of particularly high mouse population in the region. Every cottager around the lake was suffering from the same nuisance. Mousetraps have become a part of our supplies and we have become experts at trapping.

One early morning this past summer, I awoke to hear my dog trotting around in the kitchen growling and barking.

I knew by the sounds of his footsteps that he was on a chase for something. Yes, it was a mouse and he was on the loose – *inside*.

The dog’s barking scared him off and there was no sign of anything. So I thought. By this point, the smell of morning coffee had entered my mind. It was time to be brave and time to make coffee.

I was on guard and I was careful. Every step I took, my head was turning from side to side like a lighthouse. Just as I was about to put coffee into the maker, a little grey vermin raced out from behind the counter within inches of my big toes and headed straight for the back of the dog crate.

My screaming was now echoing across the lake and

I immediately went into a ballerina dance on tip toes right out the cottage door. “Get that thing out of my kitchen!” I yelled to my husband.

He was not pleased with all of the commotion. He shuffled out of the bedroom with partially opened eyes, scratching himself, and told me to be calm, that the mouse had left the building.

That was the end of his heroism and it was now time to put my brave face back on and get back into that cottage. I was able to get my coffee, race to the living room with my mug and tightly curl up on the couch. It was probably best to focus myself on something different so I picked up my novel and tried my hardest to get lost in the story. The book was trembling and my hands a little sweaty, but I managed to read a few pages and sip on my morning coffee. My eyes soon began to shift around and suddenly I said to myself – “Why did the good Lord make me a mouse magnet?” Right then and within four feet of my body, he was back again and this time he stopped in his tracks under the rocking chair and stared me right in the eye. My acrobatic back-flip enabled me to immediately fly off the couch, spill my coffee and head straight for the door again.

That mouse was not leaving – not this time and maybe never! He needed to be destroyed.

His new hiding area was at this point behind the dishwasher and there he would remain, not venturing out, not moving. The traps were set but as far as I was concerned, not enough.

We needed more – maybe hundreds. At least I knew I needed more ammunition and so I slipped on my runners and drove straight to town to load up on more mouse traps. I was able to find some calm on the way back from town and remembered my yoga breathing exercises so I could focus and gain back my bravery. When I entered into the kitchen and glanced at the floor,

it was over – the chase had ended and his little life was terminated. The trap had worked. I actually started to feel sorry for the little fellow and wished he had more brains than trying to make friends with this family.

But the victory was not complete and there remained one more task at hand. I had to pick up the trap with the mouse attached and discard him into the forest.

“You can do this!” my husband hollered to me. “Take hold of your fears!” I slowly slipped on a pair of my husband’s working gloves and headed for the trap. It took every ounce of effort and steel-coated nerves to lift up the trap with mouse attached and race for the outdoors.

Boy, I did wish for 10-foot arms at that point! With a clumsy trot and stumbling over rocks and rough ground, I soon hit the woodpile situated 30 or 40 feet from the cottage door. There I placed the trap with body included ready for any animal of the night to feast on or take it away to “mouse heaven.” It was all over.

And so those are my encounters and even though I still remain fearful I do believe there has been slight improvement on my initial realizations of these very ugly invasive tiny souls. They will always be there and the battles will always continue, hopefully of a lesser kind.

And as every cottage season comes around with the first scent of spring air hosted by a multitude of green forest, the first sip of coffee on my dock as the morning sun appears, the sound of the first motor boat on the lake, along with the first loon’s welcoming sounds, the first dip into the water that creates those shivers, the first smell of wood burning from the bonfire and the first greetings to our cottage friends on the lake, there will always be amongst the favourite and grateful things in my cottage life, ... mice... in my life.

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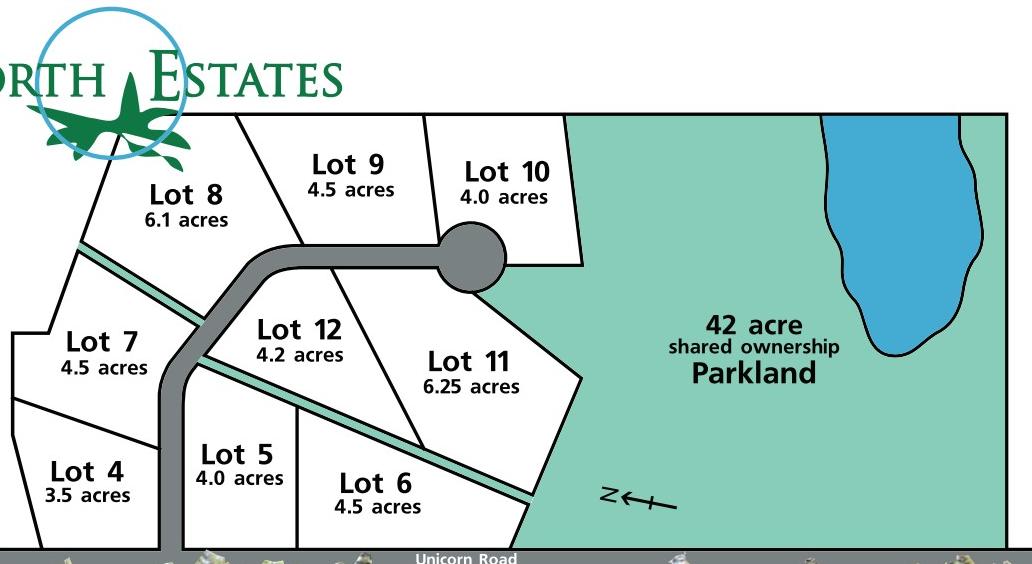
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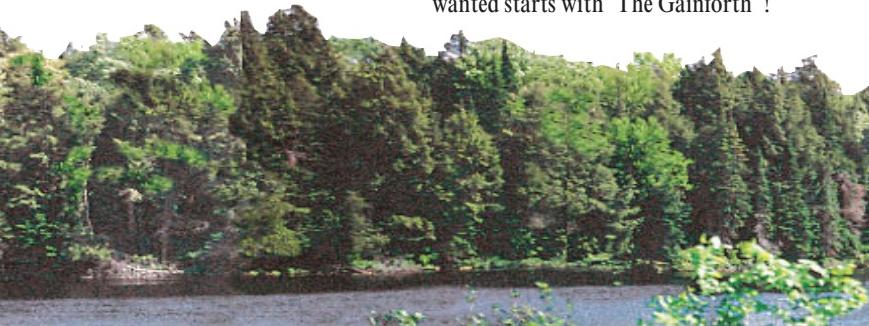
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# Highlands group now officially Toastmasters

Jenn Watt  
Editor

Four years ago, during the last municipal election, retired minister Norm Thomas sat at the back of a public forum, straining to hear the candidates deliver their platforms.

The 13 candidates at Archie Stouffer Elementary School didn't get their points across very well and Thomas thought he might be able to help.

So he organized a speech-craft workshop, advertised in the newspaper, and got one response.

"The years went by and then Betty [Legacey] called," Thomas told the Haliburton Highlands Toastmasters Club Wednesday night. Legacey wanted to start a Toastmasters group in Minden.

Over the year, a core group of Minden and Haliburton residents have come together with a common goal of improving their public speaking and communication skills and on June 23 they were officially welcomed to Toastmasters International by district governor, Michelle Rich, who handed out charter papers.

"You'll see yourself grow and others will also see that growth in you," Rich told the gathered group at the Pinestone Resort.

"It's about networking, it's about friendship ... about being a part of a group of like-minded people .... Take advantage of everything Toastmasters has to offer," she advised new members.



Jenn Watt Echo staff

The Haliburton Highlands Toastmasters executive celebrated receiving their charter June 23. From left, Linda Voycey, Max Ward, Audrey Roberts, Bill Kulas, Sybil Roodenburg, Lynda Litwin and Roy Haig.

Adhering to their schedule, club members took turns at the front of the room giving

toasts, telling jokes and engaging in a group game called "table topics" where

members have to present on a surprise topic for one to two minutes.

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## Serving overseas

Kim Stamp sent in this photo of soldiers in Afghanistan who have a personal connection to Haliburton. Both Corporal Cory Greenhorn, back row, second from left and Sergeant Todd Jorgensen, back row, far right, attended Haliburton's Remembrance Day service a couple of years ago.

They stand in front of a "cougar," one of their armoured vehicles.

Along with the photo, Jorgensen writes to Stamp, "Cory has a digital thermometer on his watch. We placed it on the table and it read 41°C. Out of curiosity, I took his watch and put it in the inside pocket of my shirt to see how hot it was in there. Two minutes later, I pulled the watch out and it read 51°C."

Stamp and other members of Haliburton County have been sending care packages to the troops for years.

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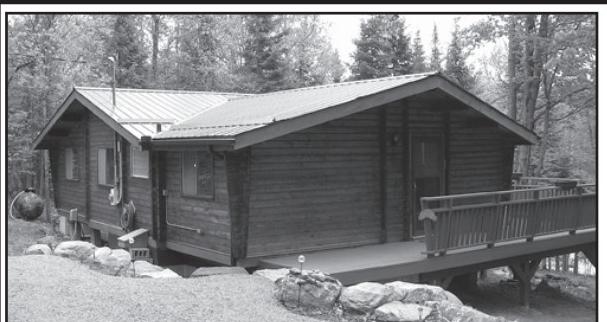
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JDHES Grade 7 student William tries his hand at speed stacking at the school's fun day on Tuesday, June 22.



Darren Lum Echo staff

## Making the last day a fun day at JDHES

J.D. Hodgson Elementary School capped off their year with nine activities, rotated throughout the day during the annual fun day event on Tuesday, June 22. Students were divided into teams, competing against each other in such

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A group of Food for Kids volunteers stand together at the Bonnie View Inn on June 22 following an appreciation luncheon. The annual event is to recognize and thank those who generously donate their time and talent to the nutrition program operated throughout the entire county during the year.



# Volunteer luncheon highlights importance of nutrition

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

More than 120,000 healthy snacks and meals were provided to schools and students in Haliburton County this year thanks to the hard work of many dedicated volunteers.

Those volunteers were greatly appreciated at the annual Food for Kids volunteer luncheon held at the Bonnie View Inn on June 22.

The event marked the end of another successful year of the Food for Kids nutrition program, which provides more than 4,000 healthy snacks and breakfasts each week to schools and students countywide.

The program, however, wouldn't be possible without the many helping hands that donate numerous hours to the cause. More than 75 volunteers were involved with the program this year, which is currently in its 11th year.

"What a room full of wonderful people," said Valerie Smith, Trillium Lakelands District School Board chair person for Haliburton County. "I always refer to them as saints for all the work that they do. God bless them, or better yet God bless us for having them."

During the lunch Smith thanked the volunteers specifically for all the time they commit to the program.

"What you do on a daily basis in our schools is commendable," said Smith.

The commitment each of the volunteers takes on includes preparing and serving food for one to two hours a week at a local school. The program is facilitated by a steering committee, which takes on additional responsibilities such as coordinating fundraising initiatives and creating program awareness.

"We can never thank you enough," said Rosie Kadwell, dietician and chair person of the program's steering committee. "Without you there would be no program. All of you here are playing a really big role in promoting a healthy community."

The program has been attributed to helping students learn, grow and become successful in school through proper nourishment. Mary Bark from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services outlined many of the reasons children depend on a program such as Food for Kids, reasons that include long bus rides to school, busy mornings and a lack of parental supervision.

"We have seen behavioural issues and study habits improve in the children," said Bark, "as well as learning benefits."

The coordinator of the program, Karen Phipps, concluded the lunch by emphasizing the contributions made by members of the community. Lynda Shadbolt of Haliburton Yoga has hosted yoga fundraisers with proceeds going towards the Food for Kids program while Bob and Wendy Park have donated more than \$18,000 to the program this year alone.

"We care about making a difference in the life of a child," said Phipps, "but you help them believe in their community."



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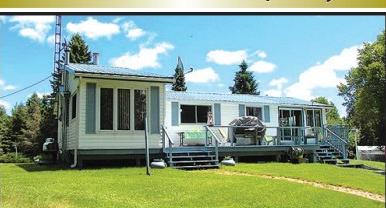


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# sports

# Haliburton revitalizes squash club

**Group brings back decades old club using grant money to improve facilities next to arena**

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

After a seven year hiatus the Haliburton Squash Club is once again up and running and is seeking out new members.

Located in the curling club building in Haliburton, the squash club has recently undergone a facility facelift thanks to a \$15,000 Trillium grant. The funds allowed the executive of the club to install a new heating system and air conditioner as well as complete other renovations to the facility.

Originally formed in the 1970s, the Haliburton Squash Club existed for more than two decades before its membership numbers dwindled. Now, with two renovated courts and a viewing area, the club's president is hoping to see members join once again.

"What we really want are all previous members to come back and join," said Raymond Isaacs, president of the club. "With

them the club can become viable again."

Not long after the club began, its appeal and popularity were quick to take off. During the 1980s the club boasted more than 100 members and was a social hub in town.

"The house leagues became social events during the 1980s," said Glen Carter, past president of the club. "We used to host a cabaret night and it was the place to be."

Following the height of its popularity the club went dormant until 2003 and current executive members have been trying to get it going for the past seven years.

"The township wants the squash club to flourish," said Isaacs. "We sincerely appreciate the cooperation we've had with the curling club and look forward to that continuing."

According to club members the appeal of the sport comes from its excellent form of exercise and social interaction as well as being suitable for all ages.

"Everybody's a squash player it's just some people haven't played their first game," said club secretary Jim Andrews.

For those who perhaps haven't played their first game the club has thought of that too and is offering free lessons to members on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

"The trick is to play with people at the same level as you," said Carter. "It's much

easier to teach people now that they can watch."

Along with facility upgrades the club has also installed a new entrance system in the building, allowing members to access the courts 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If a demand for courts becomes exceedingly high, an online booking system will be launched on the club's website according to the executive.

The rate for an annual single membership is \$250. Other rates, such as half off for students and family memberships are also available. Memberships can also be customized to suit individual needs.

"We want the old members to come back

and bring their kids," said Isaacs.

"And their grandkids," said Carter.

Whether it's the social hub of the village or a place where children can participate in a recreational activity, the squash club is an asset the current members believe is worth holding on to.

"A lot of people do not know we exist," said Carter.

"The biggest thing we want to do is keep the club alive so we don't lose the facility," said club treasurer Don Gage. "We've got a great facility here in our small town."

For membership inquiries and more information on the club visit [www.highlands-squash-club.com](http://www.highlands-squash-club.com).



Angelica Blenich Echo staff

The Haliburton Squash club is being revitalized after a seven year hiatus. The club's executive includes from left, president Raymond Isaacs, past president Glen Carter, treasurer Don Gage and secretary Jim Andrews.

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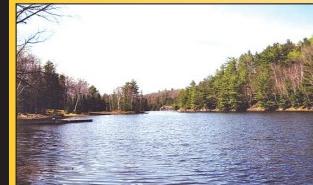
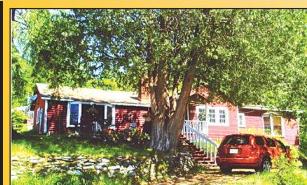
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## Golfing to curl

Tom Russell pauses on the follow through during the Haliburton Curling Club's 2010 Golf Tournament hosted at the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton on Wednesday, June 23. This major fundraiser for the club raised \$2,000 through golf registration, which had 108 participants out for the nine-hole, best ball tournament.

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It's easier than it looks to climb those tall stairs onto the school bus for the first time.



### Taking their first steps (onto the bus)

Angelica Blenich Echo staff

Parents and children alike lined up for a special bus ride at the Ontario Early Years Centre on June 23. The ride was to familiarize those who are attending school in the fall for the first time with school bus rules and safety. Following an information session both children and parents climbed aboard the bus and headed off on a short excursion through town.



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# Breakfast get-together celebrates successful year

**George Farrell**  
Special to the Echo

About 30 members of the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network (HHWEN) showed up this past Sunday morning at the Red Umbrella Inn for the group's annual general meeting. They all enthusiastically tucked in to a fabulous breakfast buffet and then got down to business.

After the approval of the agenda and the minutes from the last AGM, management committee chairperson Marjorie Ludlow Green started with a review of the past year.

Green mentioned the participation of HHWEN writers at library functions in Gooderham and Kinmount, and credited members Maria Trautman, Rev. Janet Stobie, Robert K. Smith, Margot Roberts and Sharon Lawrence (R.D. Lawrence reprint); all of whom held book launches during the past year.

While Green acknowledged that there is still work to be done in the areas of encouraging skill in writing, fostering literacy and offering support to writers in less populated areas of the county, she went on to outline the activities that kept HHWEN members busy, including the first R.D. Lawrence Literary Festival, the short story contest, the Books Alive event, A Writers' Christmas at the Peppermill, Poetry Workshops, and Live Poets in the Pub.

Green explained that this year, for the first time, the Writer In Residence program was a three-way arrangement with the R.D. Lawrence Place, the Haliburton County Public Library and HHWEN. The added clout guaranteed that this year's Writer in Residence Laura Redman, will be the first to receive a fee for her work on behalf of the county and writers and editors.

The financial statement revealed a small positive balance, with advertising, special writing projects and web page maintenance added to normal operating expenses. Green said that links to videos, recorded by Highlands Media Arts, of various guest readings, will be added to the website.

Returning to the management committee are Marjorie Green,



**George Farrell** Special to the Echo

As part of their AGM, happy and hungry HHWEN members waved for breakfast at the Red Umbrella Inn this past weekend.

K. Millard, Pat Brown, John Unrau, Sharon Lawrence and Peggy Kennedy. Vice chair Hilda Clark is stepping down. Claire Sylvan and Bonita O'Neil put their names forward for positions on the committee. The two were accepted, along with the returnees.

HHWEN member and R.D. Lawrence coordinator Sheryl Loucks gave a comprehensive report concerning the R.D. Lawrence Place's involvement with HHWEN, and a year of successful programming. Loucks said that over half of the events at the RDLP involved members of HHWEN. One of the upcoming events she highlighted is the Neil Campbell book launch which will be held at the RDLP on Wednesday, July 28 at 7 p.m. Campbell

has written a book called *Cell Phones and Sap Buckets*, which highlights his life with the Brown Dog Jiggs, up on Sapsucker Ridge.

The HHWEN AGM and breakfast event closed with a humorous talk by Redman, who, through tales of her journalistic, photographic, creative writing and parenting skills showed a humanitarian side, including real concern for the welfare of newspaper staff members in larger centres.

A great time was had by one and all, and the future of the Haliburton Writers' and Editors' Network looks bright indeed, with a membership now numbering more than 60.

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## MJ tribute

Michael Jackson impersonator, Mark Arike of the Arts Council, strikes a MJ pose, left, on the red carpet of Upper Manhattan Lounge June 25. Arike was the main attraction of a Michael Jackson tribute night held at the restaurant on the one-year anniversary of Jackson's death.

Angelica Blenich Echo staff



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### Art exhibit

Students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Wilberforce Elementary School and the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, front, left: Jorja, Emma, Romeo, Max, Grace, Colin; second row, left, Nehemiah, Becca, Taylor, Carmen, Tiffany, Karley, Griffen; back, left, Sam, Rheyia, and Katelyn were in attendance for the TLDSB Juried Art Exhibit on June 15. The students' artwork is displayed at the Archie Stouffer Elementary School Conference Centre.

Darren Lum Echo staff



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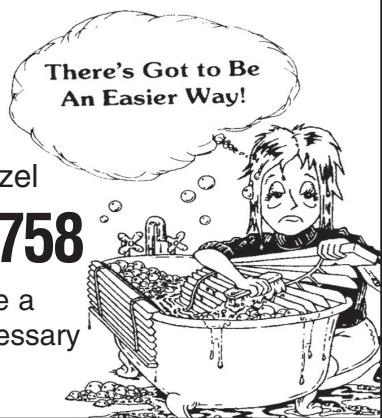
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# Students lead way with commuter challenge

**Sue Shikaze**  
Special to the Echo

Haliburton County's students were this year's "walk and roll" models in the third annual Commuter Challenge that took place from May 30 to June 5.

The purpose of the commuter challenge is to encourage people to try using active transportation to get to work, school or other destinations. Trip distances ranged from one km to over 50 km – regardless of length, the object was just to try it out.

This year, over 100 elementary and high school students took up the challenge and made some or all of their trip to school using an active mode of transportation.

The estimated total distance they travelled by foot or bike versus by car was over 1,100 km.

Especially noteworthy are Samantha Vanier and Russell Fawns, who biked to Hal High from Wilberforce, a distance of 30 km one way, and Greg Foster from Hal High who cycled a total of 103 km. There were also six families in the family category.

Thirteen workplaces were represented this year by 72 participants. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, for the second year, led the way in the large workplace category with 41 per cent participation. Stuart Baker Elementary School won the medium workplace category with 33 per cent.

Teachers are setting a great example for their students! Dr. Butera Dentistry claimed the small workplace category for the second year, with 66 per cent participation. This year four people canoeed or kayaked to work ... truly a Haliburton Highlands active commute!

Congratulations to the following individuals: Rob Meyers, who cycled 364 km; Brian Mulholland who cycled 340 km,

Patti Lou Robinson who walked and paddled 53 km and Tom Regina, who walked 26 km.

Thanks to everyone who participated!

There are lots of benefits to using active transportation. It's a great way to build some physical activity into your day, and for students, an active trip to school has been shown to improve academic performance. Replacing car trips, especially short ones, with active transportation also benefits the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and benefits your wallet by saving money.

With the warmer days of summer are ahead, it is a great time to try an active commute.

For tips to get started, pick up a copy of the Walk and Roll booklet at any branch of the Haliburton County library, or contact the Health Unit, 457-1391.

Active commuter Charlotte Paton (age eight) had these reflections after the commuter challenge:

What Biking Really Is...

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The Ontario Summer Games athletes were recognized during the awards luncheon for this year's senior summer games at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton on June 22. There will be seniors from across Haliburton County and Muskoka representing District 11 in 15 events at ActiveFest summer games in Oshawa from Aug. 10 to 12. It's expected that there will be several hundred seniors participating in the provincial final.

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# The amazing and continuing story of Zoe, the three-legged deer

**George Farrell**  
Special to the Echo

Trudy Pogue runs the fyihaliburton.com website. Recently she featured a story on the site, which was submitted by Margaret Tilling of Aurora, Ont. The story subsequently evolved into a remarkable tale of human caring and the against-all-odds survival of a seriously injured fawn.

Tilling and her family were sitting down to dinner at their cottage on Sir Sam's Road this past Easter weekend, when several deer walked by their window. "We often see them," said Tilling. "We went to get our digital camera and started taking pictures. We didn't really think any more of it, until the next morning when we were looking at the images on the camera. I noticed that one of the deer looked like it was missing a front leg. I zoomed in on the image and I couldn't believe it. It was true; the deer was missing its right front foreleg."

Tilling sent the image and her story to Pogue who featured them in her wildlife stories and picture section of the website.

"We asked if anyone had any information regarding this deer," Pogue said, "and surprisingly Julie Barban responded with her part in the story."

"It was the day after the tornado, three years ago," Barban recalled. "We were returning home from visiting with friends. It was around midnight and it was even darker than usual. Because of the tornado there was no electricity to light the houses along the road. We were just around the Parish Line outside Haliburton when we saw what looked like an animal lying by the side of the road. I turned the car around and came back for another look and we discovered that it was a fawn. It was spotted and looked to be about three months old. It was still alive. We couldn't just leave it there. My husband Ian picked it up and put it in the back of the van. We saw blood coming out of its ear, which was not a good sign. It also had a fractured ankle or hock, and we could see the raw bone. We took the fawn home and called the local emergency vet number. They gave me the number of the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Rosseau. I called them around 1 a.m. and explained what had happened. They said to cover it with a blanket overnight and to call them again at 6 a.m. So we left the fawn in the van, under a blanket."

"Ian woke me up at 5:30 and said that the fawn was still



**Margaret Tilling** Special to the Echo  
**Zoe, the three legged deer.**

alive and that it had moved its position, though it was still bleeding from the ear," Barban said. "The sanctuary people met us just west of Carnarvon, where we gave them the fawn. They took the fawn and they gave it a shot of vitamin E to help combat the shock. We phoned the sanctuary every couple of days after that and went over to see her about a week later. They told us that the deer was female, and we named her Zoe. Zoe's hock was still really swollen, and a few days later they amputated the leg. They kept her in her own little area at the sanctuary, and incredibly, three days after the amputation, she was up and eating. I phoned a few months after that and they told us Zoe was out with the other deer at the sanctuary and doing fine. I called again in the spring of 2008 and they told us that they had released her back to the area where we had found her."

Recently, through an acquaintance, Barban found out about the three legged deer story on fyihaliburton.com, and she and Margaret Tilling have been in touch comparing notes and photos. Barban has a picture of the fawn, but there's no way of telling if Tilling's photo and Barban's is of the same animal, though the deer has the same leg missing as the fawn. The odds of there being another three-legged deer in the same general area, with the same limb missing,

are pretty remote, so all indications are that it's the same animal.

Over at the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, all the staff members from three years ago, when Zoe was admitted, have now been replaced. Julia McLaren came on board as the general manager in December of 2009.

"There are two schools of thought," McLaren responds when asked about the seemingly curious decision to release a three-legged deer back into the wilderness. "We would consider releasing such an animal if it was viable, we have released a three legged coyote. It depends on several factors. First we have to know where the animal was found so that we can release it in the same area. We also consider things like which leg has been lost, how recently it was injured and where the deer is to be released to. We wouldn't release a three-legged deer into somewhere like the GTA, for instance. It was a questionable call, but what a great success story. Kudos to everybody involved."

Zoe is getting around so well that Margaret Tilling didn't even realize that she only had three legs until she checked the images on her camera the next day. The deer is also three years old now, so it's safe to say that her chances of continued survival are good.

Zoe's story is truly remarkable, but most wildlife sanctuaries advise leaving young animals where you find them. Most often when you've left the area a mother will come back for the baby. However if you do find an injured animal and wish to seek treatment for it there are a couple of options. You can call the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Rosseau at 705-732-6368, or locally there's the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, located at 2146 Duck Lake Rd, Minden. Call Monika Melichar at 286-1133.



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### Notices

#### Haliburton County Council Notice of Special Meeting

The Council of the County of Haliburton will hold a special Council meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. for purposes of discussing Rail Trail Corridor usage. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in the County Council Chambers located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden.

Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk - County of Haliburton  
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Marie Emmerson saw this handsome deer on Gelert Road.



Left, Paul Nolan wondered what all the pecking was about.

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Jane Galbraith took this photo of a squirrel on her bird feeder at her home on Kennaway Road.



Paul Nolan snapped this beautiful blue jay this past spring.

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# Spring 2011 tree planting program accepting applications

If you want to reclaim your logged land or aggregate pit with native trees, fill out an application

In order to better serve Haliburton landowners, the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council is pleased to announce the rollout of the Spring 2011 tree planting program early this year!

The program will be accepting appli-

cations throughout the summer of 2010 up until Sept. 30. If you miss the deadline, please contact the council directly.

The intent of the program is to provide Haliburton landowners with trees native to Haliburton's seed zone in order to promote and support landowners' efforts to increase diversity, wildlife habitat, restore land productivity, and naturalize shorelines.

If you are an aggregate pit owner, and would like to rehabilitate an exhausted aggregate pit, please contact the council directly.

The tree planting program is a great

opportunity to reforest and rehabilitate woodlots and restore and enhance your shorelines. The Stewardship Council is also offering a shrub and shoreline naturalization component to the program for landowners with diverse planting needs.

Use of trees for aesthetic landscaping purposes is not the intent of this program.

There are a limited number of trees and shrubs which are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Native trees will be available to landowners within the county of Haliburton, based

on an application which must be submitted to the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council.

To obtain an application or for more information on the tree planting program or any other Stewardship programming, please contact the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council intern at 705-286-5205, or via email: hhsc.intern@gmail.com or visit our website at www.ontariostewardship.org/Haliburton. Happy planting!

*Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council*

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### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

#### TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS 5 YEAR OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** pursuant to Section 26(3) of the *Planning Act*, the Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands will hold a Special Meeting of Council to discuss revisions that may be required to the current Township of Algonquin Highlands Official Plan:

WHEN: **Thursday, July 29, 2010**  
 TIME: **9:00 a.m.**  
 WHERE: Municipal Office  
 1123 North Shore Road  
 Minden, Ontario

#### Algonquin Highlands 5 Year Official Plan Review

The Official Plan is the municipality's key planning document intended to guide and control future land use development in the municipality. The Township's Official Plan divides the municipality into various land use designations, such as Settlement Areas, Waterfront, Rural, Wilderness and others, with corresponding policies pertaining to development within each of these designations. The Official Plan also contains general policies relating to environmental management, resource protection, transportation, services and utilities.

The Township's Official Plan was approved in 2005 and the *Planning Act* requires that an Official Plan Review be undertaken at least every five years to ensure that it does not conflict with provincial plans, is consistent with provincial policy statements, conforms to the County of Haliburton Official Plan and continues to reflect matters of interest to the community. The Township of Algonquin Highlands initiated the 5 Year Official Plan Review in the spring and an initial Public Open House was held on May 29, 2010, with the intent of introducing the process to the community and obtaining input in an informal manner.

#### Purpose of Special Meeting of Council

The Special Meeting of Council is required by the *Planning Act* and the purpose is to discuss revisions that may be required to the Township of Algonquin Highlands Official Plan and to obtain comment from the Public on these matters. This Meeting will be the second opportunity for the Public to provide input into the 5 Year Official Plan Review process.

We would welcome your input on this process either in writing or in person at the Special Meeting of Council. Any comments, information or questions should be directed to either of the Project Team members listed below:

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Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010



### Municipality of Dysart et al

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- DATE: Wednesday, July 14th, 2010
- TIME: 11:00 am.
- LOCATION: Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

#### APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-10-016 – Lands of Verboon and Tarlton
  - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a screened in porch located in the WR4L-1 zone:
    - a) a decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a seasonal dwelling to have a minimum side lot line setback, south interior side of 3.3 metres (10.5 feet) as opposed to the required 4.5 metre (14.76 feet).
  - Location: Part Lot 11, Concession 7, Block 226 on Little Straggle Lake, Harcourt Township (Little Straggle Lake – Junco Crescent).
2. D13-MV-10-017 – Lands of 1553120 Ontario Inc.
  - Purpose and Effect: to permit an addition to an accessory structure located in the CT zone:
    - (a) a decrease to the provisions of Section 7.2 to permit an accessory structure (storage building for a marina) to have a minimum water setback of 15 metres (49.21 feet) as opposed to the required 20 metres (65.62 feet).
  - Location: Part Lot 11, Concession 6, Harburn Township (Haliburton Lake – Shirley's Road)
3. D13-MV-10-019 – Lands of Dixon and Walker
  - Purpose and Effect: to the construction of a private cabin in the WR4 zone:
    - (a) a variance to the provisions of Section 3.1(d)(i) to permit a private cabin to be located in the front yard abutting the shoreline.
  - Location: Part Lot 13, Concession 5, Lot 13, Plan 222, Harburn Township (Haliburton Lake – Hodgson Road).

**ANY PERSON** is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

June 29th, 2010

Jeff Iles  
 Secretary – Treasurer,  
 Committee of Adjustment

# AGM outlines fabulous year for Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

**George Farrell**  
Special to the Echo

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) held its annual general meeting at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday morning, June 19. Before approximately 30 enthusiastic members, chairwoman Sheila Ziman conducted the meeting which culminated in a slide presentation from member and artist Mary Anne Barkhouse.

After the approval of minutes from the previous AGM, treasurer Alan King brought the members up to date on finances for the 2009 fiscal year. The balance sheet revealed substantial increases in total assets, liability and equity over the previous year, and total revenues and expenses also showed an increase. King went on to say that the trust would be looking at different financing strategies for the coming year and that the firm of Hutton Flynn out of Lindsay had been brought on board to handle the accounting.

In an informative report from the chairwoman, Ziman opened by regretfully announcing the stepping down of former, and past chairman Ian Daniel, and the resigna-

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tion of vice-chairman Thom Lambert and secretary Shirley McCormick. Daniel will continue sitting on the Norah's Island Management Committee.

Ziman then introduced the membership to part-time staffers Rachel Gillooly, who is the program coordinator, and Elisha Barlow, the administrative assistant. Funding for the two new positions was made possible by a Trillium grant, and Ziman pointed out that only nine out of 35 land trusts in Ontario have paid staff members. Ziman also said that a home for the HHLT files had been secured in the Minden municipal office, and in addition to other duties

the new staff members will be assisting Theresa Wright, a trained archivist on a short-term contract, in organizing files according to record keeping policy.

An update of the Dahl Forest, (the second HHLT acquisition) ensued, and a Mountain Equipment Co-op grant to HHLT was revealed, which covers about 90 per cent of the acquisition costs for the property, with the remaining 10 per cent funded by the Ontario Land Trust Alliance, through partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources. The total funding amounts to \$24,500.

Recently, HHLT was also approved for a grant of \$30,300 from Environment Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk, focusing on wetlands and reptiles at risk. The program includes community education and mobilization components, and there will be a variety of workshops throughout the summer to increase awareness of Reptiles at Risk in the county. Another aim of the program is to identify significant wetlands, crucial in the development of a heritage conservation plan. The information gathered is also vital in providing HHLT with identifying potential properties for future acquisition or conservation. The *Species at Risk Journal* has proved hugely popular, and is now in its second printing.

The 2010 gala committee report revealed that although numbers were down slightly, this year's fundraising gala was again very successful with about \$9,000 being raised to further the goals of the HHLT.

Mary Anne Barkhouse, Alan King Dainne, Mathes, Sheila Ziman and Adam Barkovitz were approved for election/re-election to the board of directors for a two-year term ending in 2010.

As the AGM concluded members were treated to coffee and cakes while they viewed a talk and slideshow by Barkhouse titled *It Came from the Swamp: Thoughts on Land and Art*. In a thought-provoking half hour Barkhouse uncovered some of her background, the art of indigenous peoples and her love of the Gelert property she shares with partner Michael Belmore. These influences were shown to manifest themselves in her art.

It was a fitting conclusion to a tremendous year for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, and thoughts of future conservation and potential acquisitions were foremost in the minds of many members.

## Coming Events

### BEREAVEMENT GROUP

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### Pancake Barn...Strawberry Social

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Sat., July 3 to Sun., July 4 and  
Sat., July 10 to Sun., July 11

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Wintergreen is featuring MICHAEL PICKETT...Sat., July 10, 2x Juno nominee (acoustic, roots, blues, Americana)...dinner at 7, concert at 8 (reservations only).

Calendar of Events available. Call at any time to purchase retail products...cash or cheque only. Wintergreen Pancake Barn #3325 Gelert Rd in Gelert (286-3202).

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Jenn Watt Echo staff

Members of the Haliburton Rotary Club celebrate another year of volunteerism at the Bonnie View Inn June 17.

## Legion hosts strawberry supper

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Debbie Cachia

**448-3680**

July 2 we are holding our first strawberry supper here at the Legion, \$10 per person, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., also being served are, turkey, ham, roast beef and salads.

July 3 is Karaoke from 9 p.m. till closing.

July 9 is our Community Care luncheon at 12 p.m., ages 55 plus, \$10 per person, call Gwen Otto for more information at 448-2106

July 10, is the Uncle Bob's Kids Rock Bass Derby, for kids ages three to 12, it's a fun, free day for the kids, weigh in takes place at the Legion from 12 to 1 p.m., registration sheet is at the Legion as well as Fishes Lunch Box in Wilberforce.

Our weekly events are:  
Every Monday, bid euchre 7 p.m. \$2.  
Every Wednesday, open darts 7:30 p.m.  
\$1.  
Every Saturday, the meat draw 2:30 to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome. If further information is needed call 448-2221.

### Coming Events

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**July 1 10-6**

**Friday**  
**July 2 10-6**

**Saturday**  
**July 3 9-6**

**Sunday**  
**July 4 10-4**

# Gardens sure love 'leaky' June

## Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

**448-2018**

Rain, lovely rain. Lush green vegetation. June, a "leaky" warm month, has surely been good for the environment. Now for Canada Day outdoor celebrations organizers are hoping for clear sunny weather. There will be tents on the lawn by Dark Lake, and inside the Outpost Historic House it's dry and very interesting. Rain or shine come and salute our country with friends. Action begins at 11:30 a.m.

Everett Godfrey died peacefully at Extendicare in Haliburton on Tuesday, June 22. He had been a resident there for a number of years. Sympathy is extended to his wife Dora (Wright), his daughter Donna Godfrey of New Brunswick and grandsons David, Matthew and Adam of Toronto, sisters-in-law Bessie and Gertrude and all of his relatives and friends.

Everett was the son of the late Clarence and Mary (Liscombe) Godfrey. He was the middle brother of Lottie, Gertrude, Manly, Vince, Hazel, Clifford known as Dud, Leona and Royce.

Everett and Dora after their wedding at St. John's Anglican Church in Irondale resided in Peterborough. There Everett was always well occupied working for Beaver Lumber, Ontario Hydro and driving a taxi. They retired in Wilberforce first at the Godfrey homestead, briefly in Cardiff Village and then beside Wilbermere Lake.

The funeral service on Friday, June 25 at the Gordon Monk Chapel was led by Wayne Rutter of the Wilberforce Full Gospel Church who spoke from scripture and brought words of comfort. Leanne Pearson Wright, a niece delivered a eulogy that spoke of Everett as a caring person who did like things neat and orderly. He was a man who loved the outdoors especially fishing and hunting.

A time of refreshment and fellowship followed in the family room. Interment of ashes was at the Wilberforce cemetery.

Erik, the summer student worker at Red Cross Outpost Museum and Heritage Guild volunteers welcome visitors daily 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Tuesday, July 6 there will be a special hour for children age five to 11 from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. They will discover how nurses worked and played there years ago.

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# Still playing catch-up in Guilford

## West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2278

It's not too late for catch-up news from the time when I was away and part of that is the 50th anniversary of Paul and Karin Nolan on May 7. The Nolans celebrated by going to Ireland and England for two weeks, their daughter, Caroline with them. They visited relatives in England and went to Paul's old school in Ireland. Congratulations and best wishes from friends in the community. Now Paul and Karin look forward to their family from Vancouver coming later in the year: Patrick and Winnie and two of their boys, Graham and Michal.

Canada Day will be celebrated at West Guilford Community Centre again this year. Matthew Duchene will be there for the opening ceremonies at noon and for most of the day. Bring items you wish him to autograph such as shirts or hockey sticks. For people swimming Pine Lake, registration is 8:30 to 9 a.m. Please supply your own non-motorized boat with two people. There will be all kinds of races and contests for young and older. After the roast beef supper there will be a children's talent contest, live music and, of course, fireworks. (Canada Day information provided by Kay Morrison.)

On June 13, Mary Brumwell's 70th birthday was celebrated in fine style at a surprise party for her by her family in Uxbridge. Friends and relatives gathered at the Legion hall there to wish her well and we add our best wishes to theirs for many more happy birthdays for Mary.

On July 19 several of the people who receive lessons

from Bethany Houghton on stringed instruments participated in the annual recital at St. George's Anglican Church. From this area, Margaret Milne on viola and Paul Irwin, Beth Johns, accompanied on guitar by her husband Norris Turner and Mika Titze on violins.

Maple Lake United Church ladies met on June 21 at Colleen Davidson's. On Saturday, June 26 the spaghetti supper at the MLU church was attended by 60 people, the men of the church being in charge of the meal, serving and clean up. A good deal for \$12! Bill Marshall prepared the delicious sauce, Cliff Davison, Norm Mills, John Patterson and son, David, Jason Brownell were all involved in the kitchen. One lady was allowed to help, Ester Bilog, at present a guest at Abbey North. Larry Giles was the "guardian of the cash" and quite happy as were all concerned with the financial result.

Euchre scores (now I know I'm back!) from June 22: high, Ann McIvor and Ray Sisson; low, Norma and Bill Geddis; most lone hands, Liz Jesseman and Ray Campbell.

Carl Sawyer is back from his Peterborough hospital operation on June 18 and his daughter, Peggy Pouw has departed for her home in Norman Wells, N.W.T.

Anyone of Cooper connection will know of Doug Bice, son of Edna and Ralph Bice. Doug passed away at Huntsville hospital on June 25 and his funeral will be held on June 30 in Kearney, ON.

Ruth and Garry Cooper's daughter Sally and her partner Daniel came to the Cooper home on the Barry Line last weekend, bringing their little daughters Raven and Isis.

Ruth's youngest son, Andrew and his wife Laurie came from Mississauga to visit there as well.



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## Coming Events

# community calendar

What's happening in the County

**Post your event for free on the web. Go to: [www.mindentimes.ca](http://www.mindentimes.ca) or**

**to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca)**



- **June 29:** Le Club de français – last meeting before summer at Fleming College, from 7-8:30 pm - Venez s'amuser, discuter, chanter, jouer et manger en français. 754-1294
  - **June 30:** Haliburton County's Historical Society's First Meeting at 1:30 pm - Maple Lake United Church, Stanhope Airport Road and Hwy 118. Guest speaker is the Executive Director of the Ontario Historical Society.
  - **June 30:** Welcome Summer Backyard Party at the Minden OEYC! – Let's celebrate Canada Day and the start of summer vacation. We will be having a pizza party and potluck along with outdoor fun and games. Be prepared to get wet! Please sign up by June 28 at the Minden OEYC 286-1770.
  - **July 1:** Wilberforce Ball Hockey at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena – All ages welcome, will be running every Thursday until Labour Day Weekend. From 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Please bring your own sticks, cost is \$5.00 each. For more information please call Karen Hutt 448-2814 or 448-2822.
  - **July 3:** Strawberry Supper at the Galway Hall – Join us from 4:30 – 7:00 pm as we are serving fresh salads, cold meats and fresh strawberries. The Galway Hall is located on Galway Road south of Kinmount off the County Road 121.
  - **July 3:** Dorset Community Fireworks at dusk in Big Trading Bay at Dorset – Rain date is Sunday, July 4.
  - **July 3:** Visit Gooderham Branch and the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library to meet and talk with local authors – View their display of books to purchase and partake of the refreshments. Author's day starts out at the Gooderham Branch at 1032 Gooderham Street from 10 am to 12 pm and continues at the Dysart Branch at 78 Maple Avenue in Haliburton from 2-4 pm. For more information, contact Marilyn Billings at 447-3163 or 447-2569.
  - **July 5:** Grief Group – If you are experiencing problems coping with a loss, there is help here in Haliburton County. Our group runs for 4 or 5 weeks on Mondays from 2 – 4 pm. The group will meet in the room of Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St, Minden. Please use the lower level entrance to building. For more information call 286-1237
  - **July 5:** Catch the VIBE – Give your child (children) an opportunity to learn about the Bible FREE. "Catch the V.I.B.E." (Venturing In Biblical Experiences) A fun and inspirational summer camp at Haliburton United Church, a half-day, one-week program. Ages 4 – 12, July 5 - July 9, am until noon. Trained skilled leadership, Solid teaching based on the Bible Presented through drama, craft stories and music, and games. Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. George and Pine. 457-286-1237 or [hpcharge.wordpress.com](http://hpcharge.wordpress.com) or [hucark@gmail.com](mailto:hucark@gmail.com)
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- Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to [editor@haliburtonecho.ca](mailto:editor@haliburtonecho.ca), or faxed to the Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to [editor@mindentimes.ca](mailto:editor@mindentimes.ca), or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date. NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender section.

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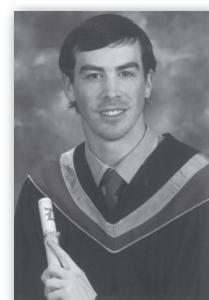
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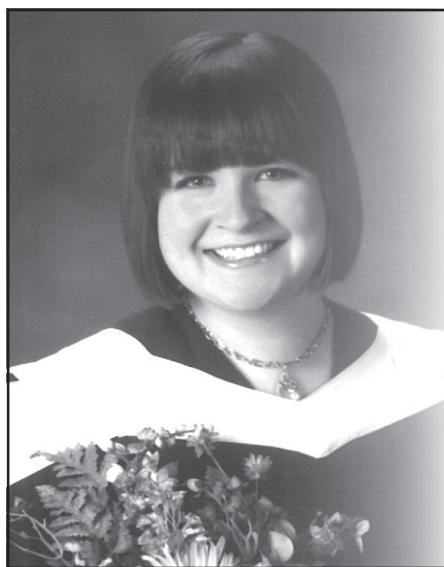
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## Graduations



### LESA ANNE HOLMES

Granddaughter of Eva O'Hara of Haliburton, daughter of Gord Holmes and Maureen O'Hara-Holmes of Bancroft, sister of Elizabeth Holmes, graduated from Trent University with an Honours Bachelor of Arts in English and Psychology on June 2nd, 2010. Lesa will be attending Niagara College in the fall of 2010, studying Event Management. Her family and friends are all very proud of Lesa's accomplishments!!

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### Deaths

**CLARKE, William Ronald (Bill)** - Passed away peacefully on Friday, June 25, 2010 while resting at home in Minden, at the age of 78. Beloved husband of Nancy, father to Bill (Sherrie), Bob (Sophie) and grandfather to Andrea, Ryan, Cassidy and Lexi. Brother-in-law to Betty Spurrell (Lorne - deceased), uncle to Shirley, David, Linda (Paul), Ashleigh, and Marshall. Predeceased by his mother Pear and by his brother Garry. Born and raised in Mimico and was a long term employee at Canadian General Tower. In the early 80's great friend Audrey Kennett introduced Nancy and Bill to Kushog Lake, leaving the city lights for the land and lakes of the Highlands. Special friends who spent many days enjoying the lake with; Janet and Paul, Diane and Ron, Bev and Brian, Beth and Bill and the Nichols family. Bill never went far without his four legged friend Gus. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Monday from 5:00 until 8:00 pm. A Service to Celebrate Bill's Life will be held in the chapel at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 1:00 pm. Cremation will follow. A reception will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636 Minden (Hwy #35 N and County Rd #21). Memorial donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund would be appreciated by the family. [www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com](http://www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)

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**GODFREY, Everett William** - In loving memory of Everett William Godfrey. Passed away peacefully at Extendicare, Haliburton on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 in his 93rd year. Beloved husband of Dora May (nee Wright) of Wilberforce. Dear father of Donna Godfrey of New Brunswick and loving grandfather of David, Matthew and Adam Hart, all of Toronto. Everett is predeceased by his brothers and sisters. Fondly remembered by his family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME Ltd.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday, June 25, 2010 from 11:30 am until the time of the Memorial Service in the Chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception will be held in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Interment will follow at the South Wilberforce Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Extendicare Proud Pioneers would be appreciated by the family. [www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com](http://www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)

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**REDGRAVE, William Todd** - (An angel has been called home). In his 34th year. Feb. 18, 1977 - June 22, 2010. Beloved son of the late Margaret and William Redgrave. Adoring father and friend to Andrew Redgrave, special friend of Michelle Redgrave and step-father of Tyrell, Justin and Nehemia. Loving brother of Allison and half brother to Michelle, Karen, Yvonne, and Warren. Best friend of Andrew Sisson. Special family member of the Wilsons: Stan and Carol, Spike and Sandra, Terry and Dawn, Paul and Tammy, Trevor and Liz, Kenny, Kerry and Rob, Cory, Kelly and Destiny, Paul and Margo Sisson, Dennis and Tina Willison, Frank and Judy Spahich. Todd is loved by his many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and by many friends. It was Todd's wish for cremation and no service. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 [www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com](http://www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)

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**Donald (Nee Fiddler),  
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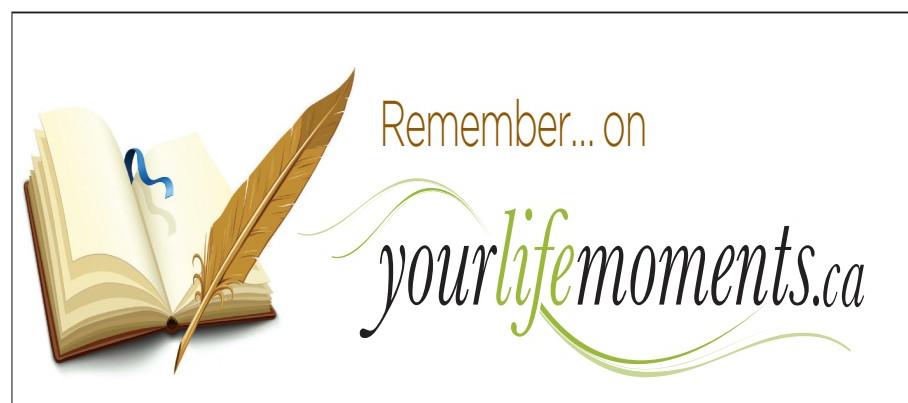
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Haliburton Highlands  
Real Estate



### LAKE KASHAGAWIGAMOG

Architecturally designed. Loads of character. 148' sand shoreline, south exposure, extremely private. 2br Bunkie with 3pc. Dbl wetslip boathouse & change house at Water's edge.

\$699,000



### STORMY LAKE

4 bdrm quality built timberframe cottage/home. Private lot, mature trees, 160 ft ftge. West exposure. Maple firs, cherry staircase, lg picture windows, full finished bsmt, 2 story Bunkie.

\$679,000



### KOSHLONG LAKE

Level lot, faces west, prime lake. Quiet Bay, peaceful & private. Spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath Viceroy. Multi level decking, att double garage.

\$629,900



### HALLS LAKE

Custom 2 storey waterfront home on a level lot with 160 ft of fantastic sand shoreline. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, pine kitchen, double sided stone fireplace, large living area, cathedral ceilings. Double garage with loft.

\$539,000



### MINNICOCK LAKE

Very private 'Linwood' cottage. 299ft frontage & 12 acres. Screened porch, large deck. Natural lot, Motor restricted lake. Naturalist's Delight!

\$499,900



### KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE

Immaculate property on 5 lake chain. Pretty view, shallow sand shore ideal for tots. 2+1br, 2baths, open concept lr/dr, galley kit. Solarium & deck to enjoy view. Full fin w/o bsmt. Det grg & Sauna. Landscaped.

\$469,000



### LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE

Immaculate cottage or home. Private, natural, treed lot. 216' frtg. S/W exposure, sand beach. Dock & sitting deck at beach. Quality built.

\$449,500.



### GREEN LAKE

Spectacular sand beach point lot waterfront home. West exposure. Landscaped lot incl. creek & footbridge. Hot tub room, attached garage, all wheelchair access.

\$439,000



### MISKWABI LAKE

3br cottage/home. Country feeling with warm wood interior. Wrap around deck, awesome view, deck & barge at shoreline. Year round road, excellent fishing lake. Sure to please.

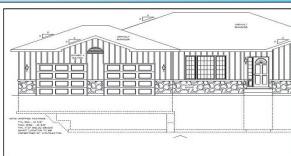
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### SOMETHING SPECIAL!

Quality custom built home. Large pond for fishing & paddling. Drag Lake Beach & boat launch right across the road. 8 acres all your own. Open concept, cathedral ceiling, lots of windows. Full fin w/o basement & more!

\$349,900



### CUSTOM HOME

Sandford Court. 'Simcoe' Model. 1682sf w/ full basement. Finish to suit. 3br, 2 bath. Main flr laundry. Foyer. Cultured stone & Maebe siding. Dbl att garage. 2.68 ac lot. Privacy. Minutes to town. Tarion Warranty.

\$329,900



### MONROCK LAKE

Bright, neat & cozy or home or hunting wrap up to 10k. Sim... tranquill lake. Small

\$319,900



### RIDGEVIEW ROAD

Custom built 3br, 4 bath. 2600sf living space. Beautiful cedar deck. MBR with balcony. Finished lower with spa room. Awesome village views, private pretty lot.

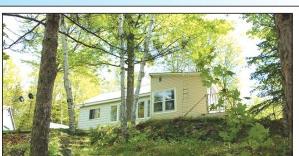
\$319,000.



### INCOME OPPORTUNITY

4 unit apartment building. Good location. Easy rentals. Immaculate grounds, paved driveway, easy highway access. Live in, rent out, tenants pay the mortgage.

\$299,999



### ESSON LAKE

Super lot 245' frtg. Gorgeous sand & stone shoreline, gradual stepped lot. Private, treed, Crown Land behind you. Winterized cottage with block bsmt. Loads of potential.

\$299,000



### PRIVATE ISLAND

Gooderham Lake 3 br cottage. Short trip from mainland. Clean shoreline. Traditional cottage with central stone fireplace. Septic & hydro. Experience this!

\$299,000



### GREEN LAKE

Yr rnd home/cottage on water's edge. Gorgeous sand beach, level lot. Full w/o bsmt. Wraparound deck. Close to golf, store, skiing. 3 lake chain. Additional Backlot included.

\$299,000



### MOUNTAIN STREET

Totally renovated home on 3.38 ac lot. New contemporary kitchen w/island. Bright open concept. W/O to back deck. New carpet & ceramic flr. Fresh paint. 2-4pc baths. Large Recroom. Garage w/ carport. Turn Key' Home.

\$269,000



### GOODERHAM LAKE

3br backsplit cottage. Open concept, stone fp, vaulted ceilings. Treed lot, stunning view. Good privacy. Clean shoreline. Picturesque with huge rock face. Drilled well.

\$258,000



### HIGHWAY 35

12 Mile Lake right across the road. Great view, great location for a home based business. Spacious, bright appealing home. Many upgrades & features for any family.

\$249,900.



### PARISH LINE

Definite country charm in this 3 bdm home close to Haliburton Village. Spacious rooms, woody ambience, quite private. Large eat-in kitchen w/wood cookstove, LR w/stone fp & insert. All weather front porch, single car garage with carport and shed.

\$249,900



### PARADISE LAKE

Private park-like setting. Treed shoreline with big whispering pines. 2br cottage, bright sunporch & sitting room. Detached garage. Pumphouse/shed at lake. Great fishing, minutes to village.

\$224,900



### GULL RIVER

Lovely 2br home. Open concept. 4pc bath & main flr idry. Bright solarium & large deck overlooks riverfront. Full bsmt, large recroom/utility-workshop. Deck at water's edge. Shows pride of ownership!

\$229,000.



### GREAT FAMILY HOME

Spacious 2 storey. Living & Family room, laundry on the main. Walkout to deck. Full fin bsmt w/ recrm, bedrm, 3pc. Central air & vac, alarm system & more.

\$229,000.

